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Netanyahu, Clinton to discuss withdrawal from Lebanon

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will explore the prospects of a US-brokered "Lebanon-first" deal involving Syria and Israel with President Bill Clinton next week. The deal would involve Israel leaving south Lebanon after strict security arrangements have been put firmly in place, an official in the Prime Minister's Office said.

A senior Clinton administration official said advisers have discussed this option, but no policy decision has been

taken about it.

"We will have to see," another US official, Ambassador Martin Indyk said. "Until we have a chance to talk to the prime minister and see how he wishes to proceed in the peace process, it is hard for us to take positions on this issue."

"I think at this point we just have to wait until we get a chance to talk to the parties, and see what they want to do, then we will consider this idea. It has been around the press, *The Jerusalem*

DAVID MAKOVSKY

Post as well, but this doesn't constitute a discussion between governments, and until we have this discussion, I would not want to make any judgments about it."

Former secretary of state Henry Kissinger called for such an initiative on southern Lebanon this week, terming it a "land for security" arrangement. Yitzhak Rabin had favored a deal in

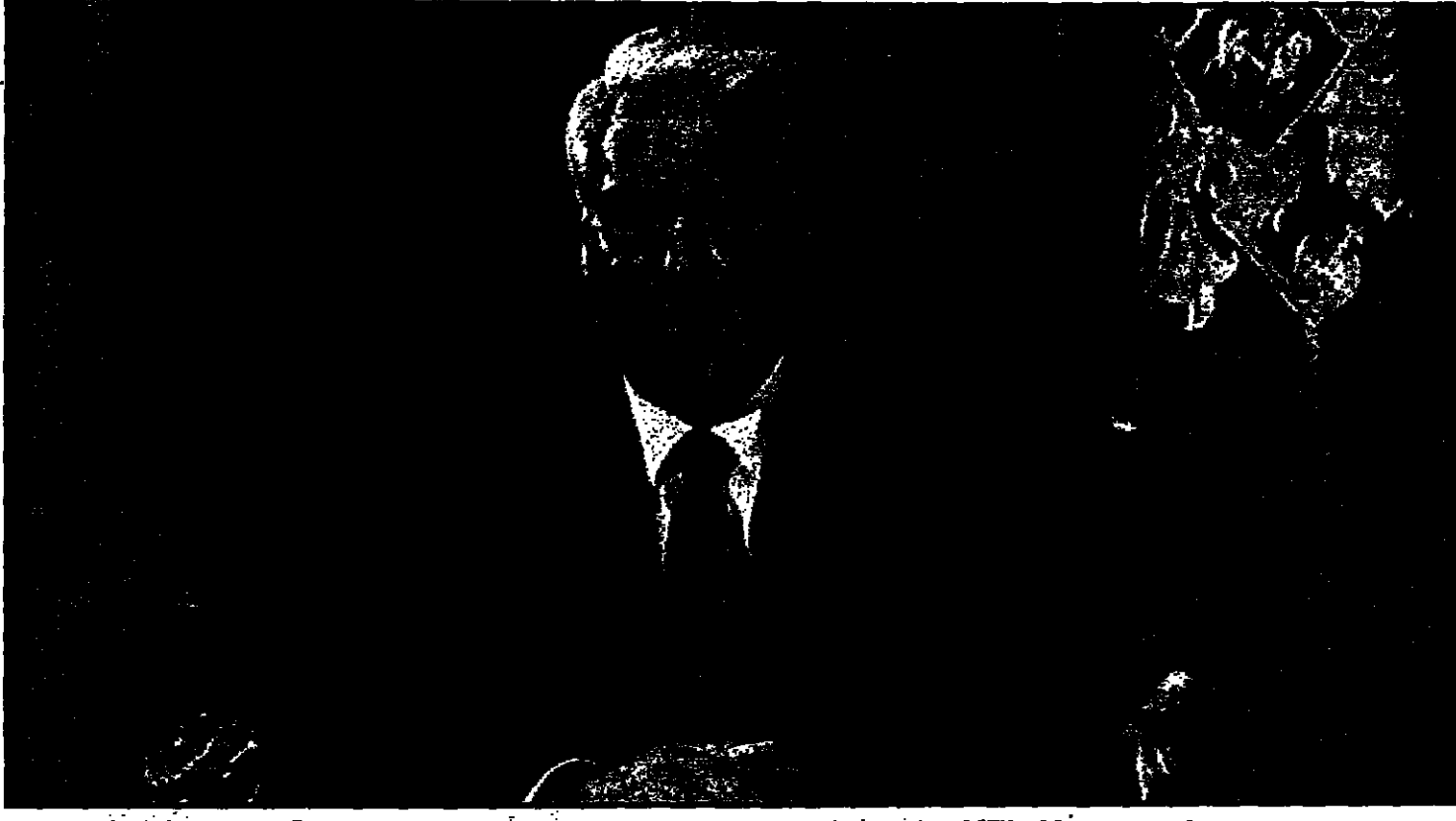
part of a package, whose centerpiece would be a peace treaty with Syria in return for the Golan Heights.

Yet, with the Golan talks in deep freeze, this assumption no longer seems valid. While security officials say it would be dangerous to unilaterally withdraw from Lebanon, there is no sense that Israel has a "military option" in its battle against Hizbullah, which receives support from the south Lebanese population.

Observers say that instead of the security zone proving to be a buffer, Hizbullah is using Israel's occupation of Lebanese soil as a rallying cry.

The central question, they say, remains what incentive would Syria have to agree to such an arrangement. It is no secret that Syria wants Israel in southern Lebanon, as this leaves it vulnerable to pressure during the Golan talks. (But in more than four years of

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Russian President Boris Yeltsin thanks voters for returning him to power in a national TV address yesterday. (Reuters)

Yeltsin wins, appeals for national reconciliation

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin appealed for national reconciliation yesterday and hinted he would bring some opposition figures into his government, after an emphatic election victory which was hailed worldwide.

"Let us not divide the country into the victorious and the vanquished," he declared after winning nearly 54 percent of the vote to Communist Zyuganov's 40.4 percent.

US President Bill Clinton led world leaders in welcoming the result as a boost for reform, saying Russians had "turned their back on tyranny."

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who enjoys a warm personal relationship with Yeltsin, telephoned him to wish him well, and French President Jacques Chirac sent a warm message of congratulations.

Looking better than he had for several days

after a week out of public view with ill health. Yeltsin thanked the Russian people on television for making the election a success.

Zyuganov grudgingly accepted defeat and sent Yeltsin a telegram of congratulations, but said his aides plan legal proceedings over "gross violations" of the electoral law in the alleged use of state resources in Yeltsin's campaign.

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Cabinet to vote today on Sharon's new ministry

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu plans to present the new national infrastructure portfolio he custom tailored for Ariel Sharon to the cabinet this morning, despite objections from United Torah Judaism. The plan is for Sharon to be formally inducted into the cabinet next week.

The new ministry is regarded as a fait accompli, after all the parties concerned, except UTJ, agreed to make "contributions" to it.

Most of the arm-twisting was done between midnight and 5 a.m. yesterday, during a marathon session involving representatives of all the parties involved. Netanyahu and Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, got nearly all sides, including Sharon, to compromise.

The big winner of all the maneuvering is seen as Foreign Minister David Levy, who emerged looking like an astute politician and a loyal comrade. On Wednesday, Levy had warned that

SARAH HONIG

he would leave the government if Sharon was not in the cabinet before Netanyahu leaves for the US on Monday.

As things appeared last night, Sharon's new ministry would be made up of bits and pieces from at least six others. It would command a budget of an estimated NIS 6 billion, and would include the entire Energy portfolio (yielded by the NRP's Yitzhak Levy), the Israel Lands Administration (contributed by the Prime Minister's Office), the construction of bypass roads in Judea and Samaria, rail traffic, the national sewage project (contributed by Shas's Interior Ministry), the Water Commission (contributed by Tsomet's Agriculture Ministry, with the proviso that Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan would determine water allocation to farmers and the cost of water for agricultural use), the Mines and Quarries Administration (ceded by the Ministry of Trade and Industry), and the Negev and

Galilee development bureaus.

The new ministry is also to include the Public Works Department and the Rural Development Division, both of which are expected to come from the Housing Ministry, though this contribution continued to be hotly opposed by the UTJ's Deputy Minister Meir Porush, who is in charge of the portfolio.

Sources close to Netanyahu explained that, in coalition terms, the UTJ is expendable, as the government has a majority without it. But Porush expressed confidence that "Netanyahu will not treat us so callously after the support he derived from the haredi community. Sharon deserves something far more impressive than this pitiful concoction, and we after all we had already ceded the Israel Lands Administration [to the Prime Minister's Office] and let the Likud have an extra ministerial appointment."

However, these are not seen as concessions, as the UTJ preferred a deputy minister in charge of a

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Jordan Valley Brigade commander sacked

THE commander of the Jordan Valley Brigade, Col. Avi Burger, was relieved of command by Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak yesterday.

The move came after Shahak received the report of the inquiry into the June 26 attack on an IDF patrol in the Jordan Valley that left three soldiers dead and three others

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wounded.

"It was a terrible failure - of planning, execution, and control," Shahak said.

The report reveals a long series of foul-ups. "The entire chain of command failed, including the commanders of the reserve unit

[whose soldiers were attacked] and the area commanders," a senior IDF source said. "In my opinion, action should have been taken against other officers as well."

The report revealed that the terrorists were wearing helmets, and used the machine gun of the first

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Heat wave to continue over weekend

THE sweltering heat will continue for another two days, despite a slight easing off in temperatures expected today, the Meteorological Service said yesterday evening.

The temperature in Eilat yesterday reached 47 degrees. A Romanian worker there died of heat stroke.

Temperatures can be expected to drop by some three to four degrees in the inland regions today, weatherman Yisrael Wisnitzer said, but they will remain unseasonably high throughout the country. He added that it is not unusual to have a heat wave at the beginning of July, and that unseasonably hot weather could be expected at different times during the summer months.

Temperatures in Jerusalem will reach a high of 33 degrees today, compared with the seasonal average of 28. No change is expected along the coast. (Iam)

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Finance Minister Dan Meridor talks to the foreign press yesterday.

(Isaac Hazzori)

Meridor discusses final budget cuts with ministers

DAVID HARRIS

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor spent most of yesterday meeting with various ministers in an attempt to finalize a budget proposal before Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu flies to the United States on Monday. The detailed proposals will likely be announced today, ahead of the final cabinet vote on Sunday or Monday. Meridor met with ministers who are facing the largest cuts as the government continues its efforts to reduce next year's budget by NIS 4.9 billion.

A spokesman for Meridor denied media speculation that NIS 1b. would be slashed from the defense budget and NIS 500m. from education, but would not say whether the proposed cuts would be larger or smaller. The first meeting was with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, whose ministry faces the largest cuts. The two-hour discussion, held in Tel Aviv, was described by the two men as being held in a pleasant and infor-

mative atmosphere. Senior defense and Treasury officials were joined in the meeting by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak. After briefing foreign journalists, Meridor spoke with Interior Minister Eli Suissa. "Of course there are going to be cuts. Millions [of shekels]," said Suissa, after the meeting. "I said I am prepared to do my bit to help. They [the cuts] will affect the local authorities, not the weak,

but when you make cuts of this kind everyone has to do their bit." Later in the day, Meridor spoke with Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer, Health Minister Yzahi Hanegbi, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. In recent days both Meridor and Netanyahu have called on the ministers to support the cuts, which they hope will bring the budget deficit down to 2.8 percent of the Gross Domestic Product.

Court refuses to overturn election results

EVELYN GORDON

THE Jerusalem District Court yesterday rejected the Labor Party's appeal against the election results, saying there is no evidence to support Labor's contention that a nationwide reexamination of the ballot boxes would lead to different results.

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, who filed the appeal, had based it on what he claimed were massive irregularities uncovered during a sample check of 60 ballot boxes.

However, a recheck of those ballot boxes by Central Elections Committee director-general Tami Edri rebuffed most of the claims.

"What is left on the appellant's list [of irregularities] is no more than those incidents which characterize any ordinary election," wrote Judges Vardimov Zoller, Shalom Brenner, and David Cheshin. "These are cases in which there is human error, or disorder, or perhaps even here or there things which have no explanation, or which here and there are tainted by fraud."

Human error - such as crossing the name of someone who did not vote off the voter list, or forgetting to cross off the name of someone who did vote - is unavoidable in any election, the judges wrote. However, such mistakes are statistically unlikely to effect the outcome of the election, since genuine error would favor or hurt both candidates equally.

Furthermore, they noted, since a recount would have to be done by human beings, a recount would also result in a certain amount of human error - perhaps in the same direction, or perhaps in the oppo-

site direction. Therefore, they said, the existence of discrepancies is not enough to justify a recount, unless the number is so great that they might really affect the outcome.

The evidence brought by the appellant, as it stands today, is not sufficient to demonstrate a real possibility that a reexamination [of ballot boxes nationwide] would result in different results," the judges concluded. "Granting the appellant's request to order an investigation into all the election results, on the basis of the factual data before us, would mean that any appellant, in any election, would have the right to force a reexamination of the election under the court's supervision."

Cohen's attorney, Eyal Rosovsky, tried to argue that all Labor wants is time to check additional information regarding alleged fraud which it had recently received. For instance, he said, the party received a list yesterday - which has not yet been verified - of 2,300 people who are listed as voting, but say they did not.

However, the judges wrote, for the sake of the stability of the country - both the executive and the legislative - there comes a time when the appeal process must end. Labor's evidence to date shows no sign of affecting the results, they said, and they will not allow new charges to be submitted endlessly.

During the hearing, Brenner in particular sharply criticized Cohen. For instance, he noted, Malam twice warned Cohen that

his database of people who are abroad at any given time is inaccurate, but Cohen failed to mention this in his appeal.

"Don't you think the court should be told something like this?" he demanded.

Similarly, he said, the crossing off of the names of two dead people at one polling station was marked as an error in the station's protocols. The erroneous list showed 595 voters, but the other list showed 593, and there were only 593 ballots. "If you are really doing an objective examination," he asked, "wouldn't that be enough to convince you that everything is okay?"

In the verdict, however, such criticism was moderated.

"In general, we agree that anyone who petitions the court should check his arguments, and even more so the facts on which they are based, before raising them in court. Someone who doesn't do this deserves criticism," the judges wrote. "However, we accept that the Procrustean bed of the legal deadline for filing an election appeal (14 days from the day on which the results are published) made it very difficult to do an in-depth examination of the facts. Because of this, and only because of this, we will not remonstrate with the appellant on this issue."

The Labor Party responded to the decision by saying it would now decide what to do about the information regarding fraud which it uncovered, but which the court did not relate to. A party statement said the information may be turned over to the police.

PA councilman: We remain committed to peace process

BILL HUTMAN

THE Palestinians remain committed to the peace process, and threats to renew the intifada are coming from rejectionist groups not affiliated with the Palestinian Authority, a Palestinian Authority Council member said yesterday.

"Our strategy remains in the direction of peace," said Ahmed Hashem Zayer, who is also a senior PLO official in Jerusalem. "There are other parties that have chosen a different path, but not us."

"We respect the Israeli point of view, and the decision in the election to elect Mr. Netanyahu. But in return, Israel must respect our view, and that Yasser Arafat is our leader, and that they must deal with him," Zayer said. "Israel must also realize that it is not just facing the Palestinian Authority, but also the Palestinian people, who have been suffering greatly under the closure. This suffering will be reflected in the chances of peace."

Zayer, speaking at his home in the Wadi Joz neighborhood, reiterated the "wait and see" view expressed by many Palestinian officials concerning the new government. Zayer heads the Palestinian Authority Council's Jerusalem Committee, and said the government's policy in Jerusalem will be one of its biggest tests, as far as the Palestinians are concerned.

"We are eager for peace, and only hope that Israel remains as eager," he said. If the government takes action against Orient House or other Palestinian institutions in east Jerusalem it will be seen by the Palestinians as "a step away from peace."

"If Israel wants war again, God knows what the consequences will be," Zayer said. Zayer said reports in recent months of Saudi funding for Palestinian projects in east Jerusalem have been unfounded. "We have heard about the promises, but we haven't seen any money yet," he said. "We have plans in Jerusalem, and are not going to allow Israel to drive us to extinction [in the city] by building more and more for Jews, and not allowing us to build," Zayer added.

The PA's Jerusalem Committee is expected to meet in the coming weeks, and come up with plans for encouraging Palestinian development in east Jerusalem.

Shara briefs Mubarak on Iran-Bahrain mediation

News agencies

SYRIAN Foreign Minister Farouk Shara came to Cairo to see Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday and said he would brief Mubarak on Syria's attempts to mediate between Iran and Bahrain.

Shara told reporters at Cairo airport that he would give Mubarak a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad "in the context of constant consultations between the two countries." "I will review with President Mubarak the situation in the region, especially the recent successful Syrian efforts to solve the disputes between Bahrain and Iran," he added.

Shara visited both Manama and Tehran late last month and on Wednesday he announced that the two countries had agreed to stop media attacks on each other.

Last month the Bahraini government accused Iran of backing a plot to topple it by force and to install Islamist rulers loyal to Tehran. Iran has denied this.

In Cairo, Shara said that Syria was not mediating between Iran and Egypt, but that in Tehran he had felt Iranian leaders want to improve relations with Egypt.

Arab newspapers have reported a proposal for Assad and Mubarak to meet soon, possibly with King Hussein of Jordan and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.

PA won't make issue of Shahor-Tarifi meeting in Jerusalem

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat will not make an issue of a meeting held in eastern Jerusalem between government coordinator in the territories Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor and PA Civil Affairs Minister Jamil Tarifi.

Arafat met with his ministers last night to discuss the matter. Some PA officials thought the PA should have boycotted the Wednesday night meeting, because it reinforced Israel's claim to sovereignty there. They claimed that after Israel prevented the PA from hosting a reception at the Seven Arches Hotel on Mt. Scopus earlier this week the PA should have retaliated in kind.

Shahor and Tarifi met to discuss issuing VIP passes and ways to ensure that the passes are not exploited to smuggle Palestinians into Israel. The meeting was attended by Gaza Preventive Security chief Mohammed Dahlan.

It was the first time the PA had discussed the question of Israel's right to host meetings in eastern Jerusalem, which Palestinians claim for their future capital.

Arafat's spokesman, Marwan Kanafani, said the ministers "don't see any significance in the meeting being held in east Jerusalem, because it was a technical committee, not a political committee."

Kanafani said that there have been no political talks yet, "only routine meetings" between the new government and the PA.

Commenting on next week's meeting between US President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in Washington, Kanafani said, "We hope that Netanyahu understands that no one can help him more than President Arafat. Clinton is an outsider."

Kanafani said it is ironic that the Palestinians, who used to seek US mediation, were calling for direct unmediated talks with Israel, while Israel, which had always called for direct talks, now appears to prefer talking about the Palestinians with the leaders of foreign powers, whether it be Egypt, Jordan, or the US.

Arafat was scheduled to meet last night with 20 Washington-based personalities with ties to Congress.

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Jihad blames PA, Israel for murder of fugitive in El-Bireh

JON IMMANUEL

THE Palestinian Police is investigating the killing of a fugitive member of the Islamic Jihad, found strangled in a house in El-Bireh on Wednesday night. Islamic Jihad distributed a leaflet yesterday blaming Israel and the Palestinian Authority for the murder of Salah Tuhaina, who escaped from prison earlier this year. But Palestinian police in Ramallah said it is more likely that Tuhaina, suspected of planning attacks on Israelis, was killed in a dispute among members of the group. "We have no clear facts yet, but he was strangled," a police official said. Strangulation is a punishment frequently meted out to alleged collaborators in Israeli prisons.

The nature of his death also suggests that he knew his attacker. Several suspects were arrested. "We don't know who is responsible, but some people have been questioned," apparently including other Jihad supporters, said Marwan Kanafani, spokesman for Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. Arafat himself was in Ramallah at the time of the killing, presiding over a meeting of the Palestinian Council, thus increasing the embarrassment for the PA.

In response to a request by Palestinian Council member Fathi Shakara, Kanafani said the PA is considering the release of some of the 600 imprisoned Islamic Jihad and Hamas supporters who were jailed after the February-March suicide bombings. "We will go through those in detention and see if it is possible to free those who are not security threats," he said.

Arafat allows bombmaker's family to rebuild home

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat has allowed the family of Hamas' assassinated master bombmaker Yihye Ayyash to rebuild its home, which was destroyed by the IDF, the Palestinian News Agency Wafa said yesterday. The Ayyash home, near Tulikarm, was demolished in March, following four suicide bombings. The homes of the suicide bombers were also destroyed.

"Based on a decision by the president, the central zoning committee in the Tulikarm district approved the licensing of the rebuilding of the home of martyr Yihye Ayyash in the village of Rafat, which had been destroyed by the Israeli authorities," Wafa said.

It said the committee exempted the family from paying zoning fees. Ayyash, who masterminded suicide bombings that killed scores of Israelis, was killed in Gaza in January when a cellular telephone he was using blew up. The Ayyash home is located in Area B, in which the Palestinians run civil affairs but Israel has ultimate security control.

(Reuters)

Chirac will visit Israel during Middle East tour

FRENCH President Jacques Chirac said yesterday he would visit Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Lebanon and Syria during the autumn in a bid to foster peace on his third Middle East tour this year. "France will associate itself with every effort to enable the (Middle East) peace process to advance," Chirac told reporters after meeting Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. "I plan to go to the region this autumn. I plan to go to Lebanon, of course, but also to Syria, Israel and also to Gaza," Chirac said.



Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky (second from right) yesterday welcomes (from left) Mayors Ron Nahman of Ariel, Ze'ev Boim of Kiryat Gat, and Moshe Shimon of Kiryat Malachi, for a discussion of their concerns over proposed changes in the Investment Encouragement Law.

MIA's families demand freeze on release of Palestinian prisoners

EVELYN GORDON

THE families of the seven Israeli MIAs met with Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman yesterday, to present their demand that no more Palestinian prisoners be released until PLO chairman Yasser Arafat produces information on the whereabouts of their sons.

Ne'eman promised to relay the families' request to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu before the latter leaves for the US on Monday, "in the same spirit" in which he heard it from the families.

Miriam Baumel, whose son Zachary has been missing since the battle of Sufyan Yacoub in 1982, will apparently be accompanying Netanyahu to the US as the families' representative, though the families say they are still waiting for the final okay.

Ne'eman said that what he heard from the families were "painful words, that come from the heart and enter the heart." The former government released thousands of terrorists and murderers and abandoned the families [of the MIAs], Shlomo Alsheikh, whose son Rabamim

disappeared in an ambush in Lebanon in 1986, told Ne'eman. "The time has come for this government to take a stand and tell all the nations of the world that we want a solution, and that without one we aren't budging in the negotiations," added Merton Fink, whose son Yossi disappeared in the same ambush.

The families also presented Ne'eman with copies of the Oslo Accords, which state that the Palestinian Authority must "provide information about missing Israelis," and a May 1994 letter from Arafat to Yitzhak Rabin in which he promised to "assist [Israel] in its efforts to locate and return to Israel Israeli soldiers who are missing in action and the bodies of killed soldiers which have not been recovered." These promises, the families pointed out, have not been kept.

They also showed Ne'eman a recent Gallup poll which found that 73.5% of Israelis favored halting all further prisoner releases until Arafat provides information on the MIAs - even if this slows the peace process.

Poultry farmers block road

DAVID RUDGE

SCORES of angry poultry farmers blocked the Rosh Pina-Kiryat Shimon road at the Kosh junction yesterday morning, burning tires and letting dozens of chickens loose, to protest the plight of the industry in the North.

Police at the scene did not interfere and the demonstration eventually dispersed, after the protesters were promised the government would consider their complaints. Yitzhak Eli, head of the Mevo'ot Hermon Regional Council, said farmers had stayed put during Katyusha rocket attacks on the Upper Galilee, but their livelihoods are now being threatened.

He stressed that poultry farming is the main source of income for hundreds of families on moshavim near the Lebanese border. "There are some families who have run up debts and can't afford to make the payments and there are others who, unfortunately, are on the bread line," said Eli.

He stressed that the Galilee Law was passed in 1990 to protect farmers in the North and guaranteed a 20 percent subsidy on poultry production. "The problem now is that the subsidy has been cut to 13 percent and the quotas for producers in other parts of the country have been increased," said Eli.

Third Way backs Hebron redeployment

LIAT COLLINS

THIRD Way MKs announced yesterday that they support the IDF redeployment in Hebron, as long as the Jewish area remains territorially connected to Kiryat Arba and Israeli sovereignty is maintained by the permanent arrangements with the Palestinians.

Three Third Way MKs - Yehuda Harel, Emanuel Zissman, and Alex Lubotsky - defied the heat to tour the town yesterday, meeting with both Jewish and Arab residents.

"According to the [Oslo] agreement, the IDF has to redeploy in the town, but we believe the Jewish neighborhood must be territorially connected to Kiryat Arba

and must remain exclusively under Israeli control," Zissman said. The MKs visited the Cave of the Patriarchs, Beit Romano, the site of a look-out post of which the IDF has already removed; Tel Rumeida, the Avraham Avinu neighborhood, and Beit Hadassah. They also met with Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe and IDF officers.

"In principle, we are in favor of implementing the agreements as written, that is, ending our control over the Arab population and leaving the Jewish settlement under the IDF's protection and responsibility,

with suitable security arrangements," Harel told reporters. "We've seen a few spots where it's possible that some adjustments might need to be made, naturally in agreement [with the Palestinians]. There are some problematic spots. The whole situation is problematic and will be made more difficult by the IDF redeployment. But agreements should be kept."

Harel said the residents must be allowed to remain in the Jewish Quarter, and Jews must have access to the Cave of the Patriarchs, but the details of the

arrangements should be settled in the final status talks.

Noam Amon, the Hebron Jewish community's spokesman, told the MKs he is concerned about the immediate dangers posed by an IDF pullback.

"The talk of territorial continuity to Kiryat Arba is probably an attempt to compensate [us] for handing over some 80 percent to 85 percent of the town to the Arabs [by] connecting the rest, the remaining narrow corridor, to Kiryat Arba. It doesn't solve the problem at all. The problem is that one shouldn't hand this town over to the PLO," he said.

Seven Tel Aviv brothels raided

RAINE MARGUS

TAX authorities and Tel Aviv vice squad detectives raided seven brothels in the city's former central bus station area Wednesday night.

The raid was part of a policy by tax authorities to force brothel owners, prostitutes, gamblers, and drug dealers to pay taxes.

The brothels are all owned by a father, his son, and a partner who admitted, under questioning, earnings of around NIS 600,000, authorities said. A brothel madam also admitted undeclared earnings of around NIS 200,000.

Fifty tax investigators and 10 detectives took part in the raid, which sources said will certainly not be the last. Some 40 prostitutes, managers, and secretaries were questioned before being released later. At the same time, searches were carried out at suspects' homes, where documents were seized.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the owners have been running the brothels for the past six years, during which vast profits were made and earnings were not declared.

The authorities are expected to also carry out raids in the northern areas of the city, where prostitutes charge much more money than in the bus station area and records of transactions are computerized. One such escort agency advertises on the Internet.

Tax Commissioner Doron Levy said the authorities will not be deterred from dealing with "difficult sectors of the population." While no drug dealers have been forced recently to pay taxes or VAT, over the past two years courts have confiscated property and vehicles believed to be the profits of trafficking.

Saudis bar 'Post' reporter from Chirac visit

ELDAD BECK

PARIS

SAUDI authorities have refused to allow a Jerusalem Post correspondent in France to accompany French President Jacques Chirac on his official visit to Saudi Arabia this weekend.

Chirac is to arrive in the Saudi kingdom tomorrow for a two-day visit, to be followed by a short visit to the emirate of Qatar. The Post asked to join the entourage but was refused, even though its reporter planned to travel on a non-Israeli passport, with no Israeli stamps on it, as the Saudis require.

An official at the Elysee Palace told the Post that intervention by Chirac's press office could not change the Saudi position. In the past, the Saudis refused Jews entry to the kingdom. That attitude was somewhat modified after the signing of the Oslo agreements. Some American Jewish leaders and some Israelis traveling with foreign passports have visited Saudi Arabia.

Ex-military attache convicted of fraud

RAINE MARGUS

A FORMER military attache to Singapore and his wife were convicted in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday of fraud and breach of trust as part of a plea bargain. Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yehuda Peled and his wife, Avital, pleaded guilty to all the charges in an amended indictment.

Peled was originally charged with theft and fraudulently transferring government funds to his and his wife's personal bank accounts while they were in Singapore.

Under the plea agreement, several theft charges were dropped. Some of the charges were not publicized for security reasons.

The couple is accused of buying tickets, ostensibly for official visits by Peled, while in fact the air tickets were used for vacations. They would buy bargain-price

tickets and charge the Defense Ministry much higher amounts. In this manner, they banked a total of \$40,000. The Peleds have promised to return the money.

The prosecution is requesting that Peled be given a 12-month prison sentence and his wife a suspended sentence. But the defense is asking for both defendants to be given sentences of community service, since they both have clean records and served Israel for many years.

Such notables as former health minister Ephraim Sneh, MK Ori Orr, and reserve generals Ilan Biran and Uri Saguy testified as character witnesses for the Peleds yesterday, in an attempt to persuade Judge Edna Kaplan to hand down lenient sentences. The couple will be sentenced next week.

Mild tremor strikes near Eilat

A mild earthquake registering 4.4 on the Richter scale was felt in Eilat close to midnight Wednesday. The epicenter was some 40 kms south of the town. Although numerous residents reported feeling the quake, no one was injured and there was no damage to property. (Itim)

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Foregone conclusion

ABBA EBAN

THE easiest concession for Israel to make is in the matter of Palestinian statehood, because it's going to happen anyway. It does not depend on me or any Israeli, or even upon Prime Minister Netanyahu.

The first statesman to understand this was Henry Kissinger, who also understood that when the Palestine state emerges, all serious historians will recognize Menachem Begin as its founding father.

"Paradoxically," wrote Kissinger in the *Economist* magazine 14 years ago (1) "the Begin government, against its preferences and ideology, was really proposing what all other nations were certain to treat as an embryo state.... Once there was an elected self-governing authority on the West Bank, an irreversible political fact would be created on the territory over which its authority was supposed to run."

"However limited this authority, it would soon turn into the nucleus of something like a Palestine state, probably under PLO control."

This analysis derived its power from the fact that in the 1979 Camp David agreement, Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Sadat had provided for the "withdrawal of the Israeli military and civil administration" and their "replacement" by an elected Palestinian Authority and police force. Those who create vacuums know very well how those vacuums are likely to be filled.

More recently, on July 2, 1996, Kissinger reiterated this view:

"Sooner or later, self-government in the West Bank will acquire the attributes of statehood. Whatever the formal legal status of the Palestinian entity, the rest of the world will treat it as if it were sovereign." (*New York Post*, June 2, 1996)

The logic is iron-clad. It rests on a truthful, if painful, understanding of the processes that bring states into existence.

What a community does not

need in order to acquire statehood is the consent of the former ruler of the land. Israel established its state by unilateral action without consulting the previous mandatory power. We did ascertain that our state would be recognized by the US.

I personally was then in a position to tell President Chaim

Israel's attitude to a Palestinian state should be 'cooperation with the inevitable'

Weizmann, to whom I reported, that a request for recognition by President Truman would evoke an immediate positive response. Soviet recognition was an important dividend on that fateful May 14, 1948 afternoon. British recognition would have been welcomed, but was not sought.

George III was not consulted about whether he would or would not like the American settlers to proclaim their independence. He didn't like it at all. This left the American founders free to explain that they were inspired by a decent respect for the opinion of mankind.

WHAT COUNTS very much in such cases is the prospect of international recognition. Kissinger believes that every state except Israel would recognize Palestinian statehood once it was proclaimed with the assent of "the rest of the world."

The great Cardinal Talleyrand defined wise statesmanship as "cooperation with the inevitable." If, as Kissinger says, Palestine statehood is inevitable,

the intelligent thing for Israel to do now would be to define the terms on which this result would be not merely innocuous, but salutary.

The vast predominance of Israel's power over that of the Palestine Authority would be the best guarantee for a stable common future. Another asset would be an integrative accord between Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian state.

In that context I raised the Benelux precedent in my 1967 address to the Council of Europe and as foreign minister at the Geneva Conference of 1973. I said on behalf of the Golda Meir government:

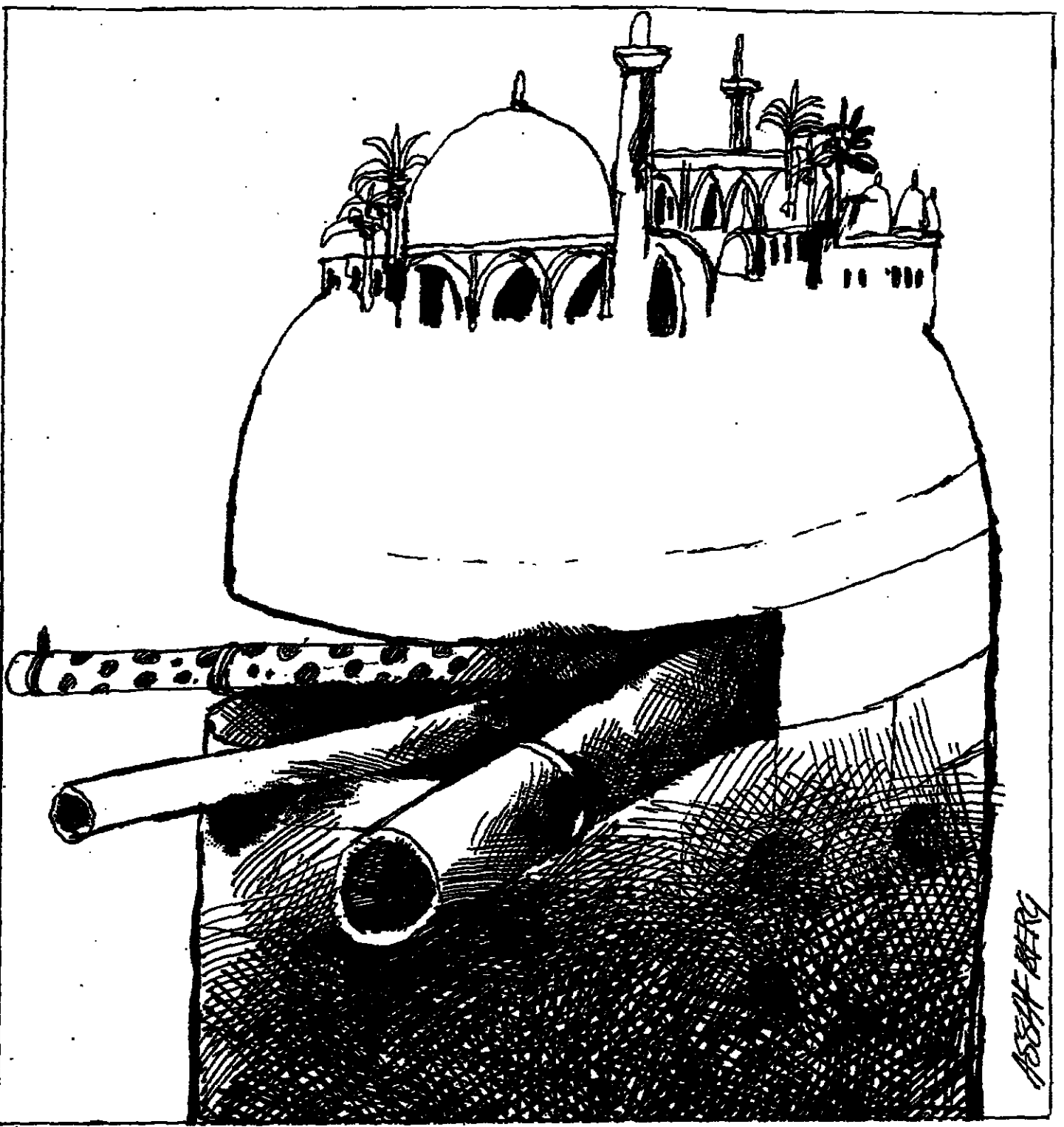
"The ultimate guarantee of a peace agreement lies in the creation of common regional interests in such degree of intensity, such multiplicity of interaction, such entanglement of reciprocal advantage, such mutual accessibility as to put the possibility of future wars beyond any rational contingency."

Today, the European Union consists of 15 states which retain their separate sovereignty while accepting a range of community obligations. The small distances that divide Israel from Jordan and the emerging Palestinian state would make such a confederative arrangement feasible.

Prime Minister Netanyahu, having sensibly liberated himself from the illusion of separation from the Palestinians, should be evolving new ideas about the structural relationship between the three nations that inhabit the former Mandated area in the Middle East.

I have no reason yet to assume that he is not doing so. However, the absence of overt personal contact between Netanyahu and Arafat five weeks after the elections takes us to the borderline of absurdity.

The writer is a former foreign minister.



Sound of murderous laughter

STAN GOODENOUGH

US Ambassador Martin Indyk's statement this week that Syria should not be treated as the rogue state it is highlights as clearly as anything the moral bankruptcy of the US-driven "peace" process that has cost so many Israelis their lives.

The Clinton administration clearly wants Israel to relinquish the Golan Heights to Syria.

But that Indyk could make such a statement even as other US officials are voicing suspicions of Syrian involvement in the Dahrhan truck bombing demonstrates the senselessness of so much of America's Middle East policy, predicated as it is on political self-interest.

Is this, one wonders, the kind of language President Clinton will employ when he hosts Prime Minister Netanyahu in Washington on July 9? According to reports, combating terrorism and its chief sponsor, Iran, is an important subject on the agenda.

But what about fighting Syria? While the origin of the Dahrhan bombers remains unclear, the signs increasingly point to Iran, as they did in the car-bombing that killed four Americans in Riyadh last November.

What will America do if the FBI men scouring the devastated Khobar Towers do find leads traceable back to Damascus? Will the US be able to rule out direct Syrian involvement in the murder of its men, and will the American people allow their government to continue whitewashing the Assad

regime?

Examples abound of Iranian-Syrian complicity in terrorism against the West.

One need look no further than the 1989 downing of Pan Am's flight 103 over Lockerbie, which investigators described as a joint Iran-Syrian act of terror.

It is noteworthy that since the post-Cold-War US efforts to bring Syria into the peace process

controlled northern Bekaa Valley town of Hermel, the other in the village of Blida.

The camps, each housing 48 trainees, offered courses in explosives, intelligence work and assassination.

Their speciality? Car-bomb construction.

AMERICA knows that Hafez Assad oversees what takes place

treating Damascus with deference further exposes last March's Sharm el-Sheikh conference on terrorism as a sham, and renders meaningless the 40 anti-terrorism recommendations Clinton got G7 leaders to approve at their summit in France last week.

The West's unwillingness to confront the Assads of this world only strengthens them, and encourages their continued support for - and perpetration of - acts of violence.

Taking a hard line against Middle East dictators will almost certainly lead to casualties among American (and other) forces. But if American boys must go home in flag-draped coffins, it is surely better to bury them as soldiers who fell in the battle against evil regimes than as helpless victims blown apart in their beds.

As they did at the US Marine Barracks in Beirut 13 years ago, and as they have done again now in Dahrhan, the chickens of this political expediency will continue to come home to roost.

As long as functionaries like Martin Indyk continue to favour the appeasement approach, innocent Israelis, Americans and others will continue to die, while the laughter of murderous megalomaniacs resounds through palaces across the Middle East.

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Peace is not security

BERNARD SMITH

THERE was a sign in the car window reading "Peace is my security."

What notion could be more dangerous? And what sajvets, to believe it...

This peaceist mantra refutes the need for strategic territory, depth and, presumably, a large army or even nuclear weapons, because once peace is established, so the faithful believe, there simply won't be any more war.

Shimon Peres stated at the UN last year that peace with Syria "will be the end of war in the Middle East." Most recently Egypt's Mubarak told the Arab summit in Cairo that only peace could provide Israel with true security.

The notion seems to be that peace, like love, is forever. The hard facts tell a very different story.

War has so permeated history that some, seeking an explanation, theorize an innate human drive to destroy. More undeniably countries, like individuals, have interests to be protected and furthered.

National interests and the influences that act on them and emanate from them aren't static. Nor are the relationships between and relative importance of national interests.

A primary interest can be overridden by a stronger one. For example, a nation heavily involved in economic development may find this need superseded by the drive toward nation-building and expansion. As interests and the factors affecting them change, a country elects war or peace. Both are tools to advance national interests.

There is no reason to assume that war cannot occur because a country is at peace. History is replete with examples. Two follow.

Norway learned a cruel lesson about the instability of peace in 1940. For over 100 years, it was at peace with Prussia, and then Germany. In 1907, Germany agreed to recognize and respect Norway's integrity. During World War I, the two countries carried on a sizable and important trade. Following the war, Norway sheltered thousands of German children.

Nevertheless, on April 8-9,

Germany made what historian T.K. Derry called "a brutally abrupt transition from peace to war." It was a terrible shock for the Norwegians. In the words of Carl Hambro, President of the Norwegian parliament:

"What stupefied the Norwegians more than the act of aggression itself was the national realization that a great power, for years professing its friendship, suddenly appeared a deadly enemy...."

"More than by the violation of treaties and every international obligation, the people of Norway

Childish premises are for children. Peace, like love, is rarely forever.

were dazed to find that for years their German friends had been elaborating the most detailed plans for the invasion and subsequent enslaving of their country.

UNLIKE Germany and Norway, historical Iraqi and Iranian national and religious differences underpinned differences which brought these traditional enemies to the edge of war in 1974-75. Nevertheless, international mediation seemingly resolved the conflict and brought about a treaty, which delivered benefits to both countries.

Relations continued to improve following the 1975 treaty. Oil production, the lifeblood of both, promised great economic well-being and the two countries were able to cooperate in efforts to boost oil prices within OPEC. Peace was the key to a better future.

All this ended with the Iranian Revolution of 1979. Among changed national interests as well as the factors affecting them, Iran now sought regional dominance through the export of a Shi'ite fundamentalist revolution. Iraq, hoping to fill a leadership vacuum in the Arab world, viewed Iran as a threat to its secular, multiethnic state.

Its army divided, Iran appeared vulnerable. Iraq was ready to redress the territorial grievances created by the 1975 agreement. In September 1980, Iraqi troops crossed the Iranian border.

Folly begins when national security rests on the childish

premise that peace is eternal.

In 1925, with the signing of the Locarno Pact, the *New York Times* boldly proclaimed, "France and Germany ban war forever." The headline was indicative of a period when the French and British, sickened by the horrors of war, were blind to reality and rejected rearmament and territorial issues. Many were obsessed with the belief that adherence to peace was the cure for war.

The historical record proves that peace today is no guarantee for the future. It shows that countries prepared for war are more likely to prevent war.

For almost half a century the US avoided war with the Soviet Union. Americans, believing "Strength is my security," assembled the most formidable military force the world has ever known. Its strategic depth reached deep below the oceans' surface and into the skies. This massive deterrent, and not an unsubstantiated, uncertain belief in peace, provided security - and kept the peace.

Israel also will ensure the security of its people and national survival through maintaining a powerful military and a maximum of strategic territory.

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World hails Yeltsin, worries about his health

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POLITICIANS and commentators across the globe hailed President Boris Yeltsin's electoral triumph yesterday, but worried whether poor health would allow him to steer the world's biggest state to a new era.

They welcomed a resounding victory over the communist old guard, but questioned how much use he would be able to make of his new status as Russia's undisputed supreme leader.

"It is a fact that all countries are paying close attention to (Yeltsin's health)," said Japan's top government spokesman, Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama, adding his most recent public appearances indicated there "was reason to worry".

The United States, Japan and Western Europe said the results underpinned Yeltsin's economic and political reform drive, but the

persistent question mark over his health tempered the celebrations.

"It's reassuring, as long as he stays around. He is a known quantity, the alternatives were not," Simon Lunn, Deputy Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Assembly, NATO's parliamentary wing, told Reuters.

Italy's influential Milan-based Corriere della Sera said Yeltsin was "at once victorious, but only half the man he used to be".

Rome's La Repubblica wrote Yeltsin won the vote, but was "defeated by his medical chart".

With over 99 percent of the vote counted, Yeltsin had 53.70 percent to 40.41 percent for his communist rival Gennady Zyuganov, according to figures released by the Central Electoral Commission. US analysts said the result spelled the end of Washington's nightmare — the

ANALYSIS JONATHAN CLAYTON

prospect of a Soviet-style Communist returning to power. But they warned serious problems still loomed in US-Russian ties.

"The Clinton administration will be quite happy ... but if you look down the line, there will be frictions," said Ilya Prizel of the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington.

NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said the elections in Russia were a "victory of democracy" and said Moscow's former foes looked forward to working with the new Russian government.

"NATO and Russia have a common responsibility for security and stability in Europe," he said. Relations have been strained by NATO's plan to take in new mem-

bers from former communist Europe.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl congratulated Yeltsin calling his re-election "a striking expression of support for the democratic and economic reform process which you have so decisively shaped".

"I too am certain that you will unwaveringly continue down the path you have set out on of comprehensive reforms in Russia and good cooperation in the international field," Kohl said in a telegram sent to Moscow.

China, Russia's giant neighbor and former rival for the leadership of world communism, said it believed the result would improve often-strained bilateral relations.

"China and Russia are biggest

neighbors to each other and we have been concerned with the proceedings of the presidential election there," Foreign Ministry spokesman Cai Tiankai told a news briefing when asked to comment on the election outcome.

Elsewhere in Asia, Australia and South Korea hailed the results as good for world stability.

"It's going to create stability for Russia ... and that's a really important issue for the world," Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said during a visit to Hong Kong.

In a congratulatory message, South Korean President Kim Young-sam urged Russia's continued involvement on the Korean peninsula.

"I believe the fact that the election was held in an orderly and fair manner throughout is significant and meaningful in that it

showed to the whole world the strides made in the development of democracy in Russia," he said.

Bulgaria, one of Moscow's former satellites in eastern Europe, welcomed the result.

"Russia's choice (of Yeltsin) shows that despite everything Russia will continue to move along the path of democracy and a market economy," said President Zhelyu Zhelev, a former dissident vigorously opposed to what he terms "neocommunist".

US President Bill Clinton praised Russia's presidential election as a "triumph for democracy", an event unthinkable only a few years ago.

"This election process shows just how far Russia's political reform has come over the last five years," he said in a written statement issued as votes were still being counted.

German Police locate IRA hideout, explosives, minivan

KARLSRUHE (AP) — Investigators said yesterday that they have located an abandoned hideout used by Irish Republican Army terrorists to plan an attack on a British army barracks last week.

The Federal Prosecutor's Office said investigators were searching for three men and two women who were staying at a rented vacation home near the north-western city of Oldenburg.

Witnesses had reported seeing a truck used in last Friday's attack parked outside the house. Inside, investigators found sketches of the barracks and a map of Osnabrueck, where the barracks are located.

Prosecutors also said police seized an abandoned Ford minivan yesterday that had been transported from Ireland along with the truck, from which mortars were fired on the Osnabrueck barracks.

An initial search of the vehicle, which was parked at an autobahn rest stop near Oldenburg and bore counterfeit British license plates, turned up no explosives, prosecutors said in a statement.

Authorities also said that they have searched two other trucks rented by the attackers, one a Daihatsu-Benz and the other an Iveco.

Only one of three mortars fired on the Osnabrueck barracks exploded, causing minimal damage.

The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the attack.

The IRA, which has fought for 25 years against British rule in Northern Ireland, ended a 17-month cease fire Feb. 9 when it detonated a large bomb in London.

Tamil rebel suicide-bomber kills 21

COLOMBO (AP) — A Tamil rebel suicide-bomber with explosives strapped to her body threw herself before a government motorcade yesterday, killing at least 21 people and injuring a top government minister, a military official said.

The attack occurred in Jaffna City, which the military captured in December from Tamil rebels after months of intense fighting, said Brig. Sarah Munasinghe, the military spokesman. Jaffna is 300 km north of the capital Colombo.

The dead included army Brig. Ananda Hammangoda, 10 Tamil civilians, some government officials and the chairman of the state owned Lanka Cement Ltd., said Munasinghe in a statement.

At least 50 people were seriously wounded, including women and children, in the attack shortly after noon and are being treated at nearby Palali military hospital, the spokesman said.

Housing minister Nimal Stripa de Silva was slightly wounded when the bomber leaped out of a crowd of onlookers toward his motorcade, Munasinghe said.

The bomber missed the minister because of a large number of security men and people milling around him, the spokesman said. The minister, who is in charge of rebuilding the war-shattered peninsula, was getting into his car after ceremonially opening a sales outlet of the Building Materials Corp. in Jaffna.

A retired police superintendent working for the minister, two police constables and four soldiers were also among those killed.

Military officials first said the rebel attacker was riding a motorcycle, but later clarified that she had been among the crowd.

Soldiers found a woman's head, which they believe was the bomber's. The body was blown to bits. The area was littered with body parts and officials were trying to find out if there were other casualties.

The military claimed it had established full control of the northern Jaffna peninsula two months ago, driving the rebels across a lagoon, into the mainland's northern jungle region. More than 80% of the peninsula's 550,000 Tamil civilians who fled to avoid fighting have returned, according to the government.

The guerrillas wear cyanide vials around their necks and swallow them if about to be captured. The Tamil Tigers frequently use suicide bombers to attack government officials and installations.

Politicians assassinated by suicide bombers include former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu in 1991, Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa two years later, and several top Sri Lankan ministers and military officers.

In January, a rebel suicide-bomber crashed a truck packed with explosives into the central bank killing 88.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin (l) receives congratulations and flowers from Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin during their meeting in the Kremlin yesterday.

Victorious Yeltsin offers olive branch to rivals

THE stock market soared, the loser sulked and the winner gave voters a pat on the back yesterday after Russia's history-making presidential election.

"Let's not divide this country into winners and losers," a smiling Boris Yeltsin said a day after defeating Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov in a runoff.

"Let's go to work," he said in a brief televised address. "We have one Russia — a vast, great country. One Russia. One destiny."

Despite the conciliatory words, the returns show a Russia still deeply divided over today's often painful, imperfect reforms and the certainties of the Soviet past.

With 97 percent of the vote counted last night, Yeltsin had 53.7 percent against 40.4 percent for Zyuganov. Another 4.9 percent voted against both.

Concerns about the 65-year-old president's health also lingered and campaign debts are due.

Yeltsin hinted he would find a role in government for the defeated opposition.

Yeltsin, with apparently renewed energy, got quickly down to work, reappointing Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and asking him to form a new government.

The State Duma (lower house), which is dominated by communists and nationalists, has to confirm the new premier once Yeltsin has been inaugurated in early August.

But Duma chairman Gennady Seleznyov, in conciliatory mood, said he did not expect Chernomyrdin's appointment to be blocked.

The election runoff was judged fair and free by observers from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the European Parliament, though they expressed concern at the strong media bias in Yeltsin's favor.

"The winner had too much time on the television and the loser too little. This is clear. This is not correct," Swiss parliamentarian Ernst Muehleman told a news conference.

With over 99 percent of the vote counted, Yeltsin had 53.70 percent

Russian shares by between 10 and 20 percent, dealers said. But Westerners stayed away from the market and prices later slipped back.

After an exhausting first round on June 16, which left him only three percentage points of Zyuganov, Yeltsin, who suffered two heart attacks last year, dropped out of sight on June 26.

Yeltsin picked up votes from supporters of law-and-order advocate Alexander Lebed, who finished a strong third in first-round voting. Yeltsin had won them over by promoting Lebed, a retired paratrooper general, to a top security job in the Kremlin.

This helped the president to claw back from New Year opinion rat-

ings which had given him less than 10 percent of the vote.

The former Soviet politburo member, first elected president in 1991, showed the fighting qualities that helped him torpedo a headline coup against Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev later that year.

After the Soviet Union collapsed, his popularity slumped following the launch of reforms in 1992 which cast millions into poverty and created a mini-class of super-rich.

It hit rock bottom this year when his military campaign against Chechen separatists appeared more bogged down than ever and millions of workers remained unpaid.

Polish parliament marks 1946 Kielce pogrom

WARSAW (Reuters) — Members of Poland's parliament stood for a moment of silence yesterday and the southern town of Kielce mourned 42 Jews who had escaped the Holocaust only to be murdered by a Polish mob there half a century ago.

On July 4, 1946, a crowd, enraged by mysterious rumors that Jews had abducted a Christian boy, besieged a building in Kielce housing a Jewish organization and shot or bludgeoned to death most of those inside, including women and children.

The massacre, so soon after the World War Two extermination of most of the Jews of Kielce and the rest of Poland by Nazi German invaders, provoked a mass exodus of Jewish survivors and did much to create a stereotype of Poles as anti-Semites.

"What is most important today is a due tribute to the memory of the victims and doing everything to ensure this infamous, exceptional fact in our history becomes a tragic warning and lesson for today's young generations of Poles," parliamentary speaker Jozef Zych said in his call for the moment of silence.

In Kielce, Justice Minister Leszek Kubicki, top local officials and trade unionists, accompanied by Jewish representatives and Israel's ambassador, laid flowers at a memo-

rial to the pogrom.

A mass was to be held later in the Catholic cathedral.

Poland's government has used this year's 50th anniversary of the pogrom, the worst in a spate of attacks on Jews soon after the war, to express national shame in hopes of a new era in relations with Jewish communities worldwide.

Foreign Minister Dariusz Rosati launched the latest bid for reconciliation in January with a letter to the World Jewish Congress.

It said: "We are ashamed that Poles are the ones who committed this crime. We would like to ask your forgiveness."

On Sunday, Prime Minister Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz will head official, national ceremonies of remembrance in Kielce attended by World Jewish Congress representatives.

The move is partly designed to halt a series of rows with Jewish organizations abroad that have sometimes threatened to harm Poland's ties with the United States and standing abroad.

Aleksander Kwasniewski, who visits President Bill Clinton Monday to discuss Poland's NATO bid, trade and other matters is a patron of the effort, including a costly plan to better maintain the former Nazi

Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp.

It also reflects a re-examination among many Poles about past treatment of Jews since censorship was lifted with the fall of communism in 1989.

Some say Rosati's apology for Kielce was misguided, citing theories that the pogrom was instigated by Soviet-led security police bent on discrediting Poland as patriotic groups fought to resist communist takeover after the war.

Rightist politicians in Poland have backed an open letter from Edward Moskal, head of the Polish American Congress, who called the apology "unfortunate and unnecessary" and attacked the Polish government for giving way to Jewish pressure.

Poland is probing the origins of the pogrom.

Even many Poles who believe that the blood-libel rumors against the Kielce Jews were planted are disturbed that ordinary people carried out the massacre.

A group of Kielce citizens wrote in an anguished letter to Gazeta Wyborcza newspaper earlier this week:

"We can't understand why our elder brothers, fathers and neighbors, who had such grim experiences of the Nazi and later Soviet occupation, soiled their hands and consciences with the blood of their fellow sufferers — the Jews."

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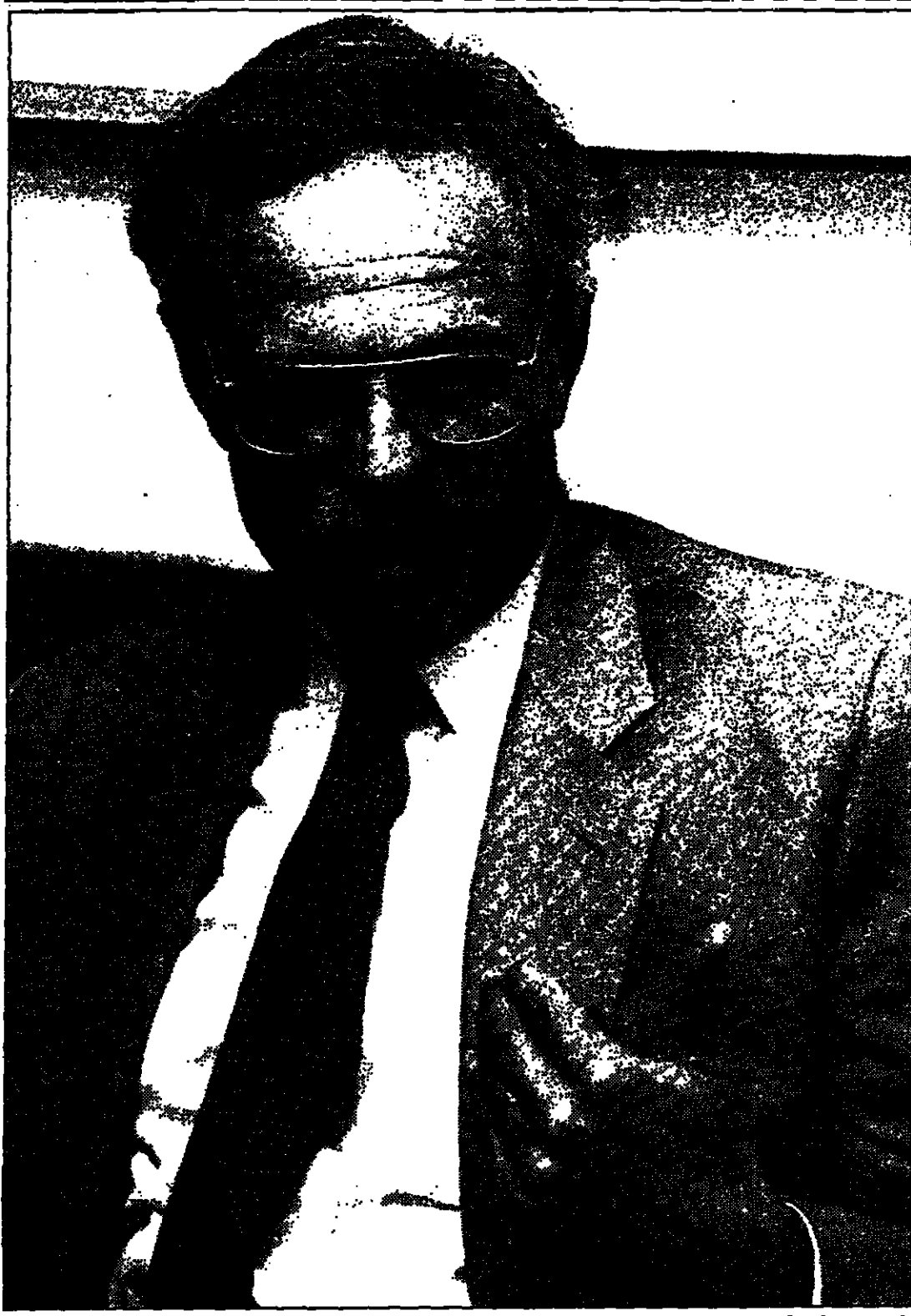
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Washington waits for Netanyahu

The Clinton administration is approaching the Middle East with 'a multifaceted policy,' Ambassador Martin Indyk tells David Makovsky



Indyk: We are very keen to see the closure be lifted, keen to see Palestinians come back to work in Israel and particularly keen to see arrangements implemented that enable the freer flow of goods and people.

We have, from the beginning of the process, been very interested in trying to help both Israel and the Palestinians reconcile the tension between the paramount need for security on the Israeli side and the paramount need on the Palestinian side to be able to breathe, grow economically and gain the material benefits of peace.

We have worked very hard to find ways to reconcile those two concerns through some very practical measures, like X-ray equipment that can help speed up the transit of goods and people in and out of Gaza.

We are very keen to see the closure be lifted, keen to see Palestinians come back to work in Israel and particularly keen to see arrangements implemented that enable the freer flow of goods and people - bearing in mind always that we will not second-guess the government of Israel when it comes to what they believe is important for the security of the people of Israel. [We are] working with Israel and the Palestinian Authority to find ways to ensure both the security of the Israelis and the

up to the forces of evil and extremism through such policies as the dual containment of Iraq and Iran, and combating terrorism wherever we can; and on the other hand trying to close the circle of peace and ending the Arab-Israeli conflict. [This would] create a new community of interest between the Israelis and Arabs against the common threats of extremism, terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of destruction.

DO THE statements in the Syrian press mentioning war or comparing Netanyahu to Hitler indicate that we are seeing a major deterioration in relations? Is this hyperbole that should be dismissed or do you think that the region could descend into bloodshed?

Well they actually called Mr. Peres a fascist [which] suggests that the Syrian press uses extreme language regardless of which government is in power in Israel. I think that we have to see whether there is a basis for resuming negotiations.

We will do our best provided that the parties to the negotia-

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ability of the Palestinian economy to grow.

REGARDING THE Syrian track, how optimistic are you that those talks will be restarted after this long pause? Do you think the implications of them not being restarted is the heating up of southern Lebanon and perhaps a warming of Syrian-Iranian ties? What is at stake here if the Syrian track does not go forward?

We want to see those negotiations resumed and the prime minister has also said he wants to negotiate with Syria. A lot of negotiations have already taken place. We have succeeded in narrowing the gaps in some areas, in other areas the gaps are still quite wide. We do not believe that no progress was made and that therefore we just forget about Syria. As long as the parties are prepared to re-engage, we will certainly be prepared to play the kind of facilitating role we played before.

As far as the broader implications, I think this is a time of uncertainty in the region. There are changes afoot. We see them in the government of Turkey and in the government of Israel. The continuing problems [are] of terrorism, which is affecting governments as far afield as Saudi Arabia and the Gulf, Egypt, Jordan, and obviously Israel, the ever-present problem of the proliferation of weapons of destruction, and the challenge to governments from extremists often cloaked in religious garb.

We need to be very conscious of the potential for change, and very alert. That is another reason why on the one hand we want to be working closely with Israel, but on the other hand also be working closely with our other allies in the region and those partners who seek to resolve their conflict through the peace process and direct negotiations. You have to approach the dangers in the region with a multifaceted policy.

The way that we have done it in the past and we will continue to do is on the one hand to stand

tions have an interest in negotiating. We hope they do. We are proceeding on the assumption, that they do.

Netanyahu has talked about getting tough with Syria and terrorism. Do you foresee, if the talks are stuck, that American diplomacy might change gears and it would apply the sort of triple containment to Syria that it does with Iran and Iraq?

I noticed you asked the prime minister and he said that this is not a containment policy. I think it's important to understand why. What distinguishes Syria from the 'rogue' states of Iraq, Iran, and Libya is that Syria has been engaged in direct negotiations with Israel for the purpose of trying to achieve peace, whereas Iran has made it very clear that it is opposed to the peace process. It is opposed to Syria negotiating with Israel, and is doing everything it can to destroy the peace process.

That is a distinction that we believe is worth maintaining, and I think the prime minister does too as he said he is interested in negotiating with Syria. If you treat Syria as a rogue state, we run the risk of polarizing the region and creating a new axis of the rogue states across the region.

Unless Syria decides that it wants to go that way, I cannot believe it is in the United States' interests to encourage it. As long as Syria is prepared to negotiate peace based on [Resolutions] 242 and 338, it is important not to forgo the sake of achieving a real and lasting secure peace with Israel but also, in terms of our strategic interest, in the region.

There have been charges that Syria has been playing a double game, negotiating on one hand and supporting terror groups on the other hand?

We do have a problem with Syria's role in this regard... Of course, Syria is on our terrorism list. This indicates that it is a problem for our bilateral relationship. But it is worthwhile, resolving this problem through talking to them, engaging them, and explaining to them why it does not serve either their interests nor those of peace.

Prime Minister Netanyahu is making his first visit to Washington next week. What does the Clinton administration expect to hear from him?

The president is looking forward to meeting with the new prime minister and he will be interested to hear the prime minister's thinking on how he intends to proceed on issues of mutual concern - the peace process, the war against terror and the strengthening of bilateral relations between the US and Israel. When it comes to the peace process, it depends at least 50 percent on Israel, which is the critical partner.

The US has a keen interest in seeing this process continue. The president would very much like to discuss ways to proceed with the prime minister, so that we can play our role as an effective facilitator of the process. Its basic purpose is to achieve a secure and lasting peace for Israel and its neighbors.

Is there going to be some sort of prior US-Israel coordination on how to approach the Palestinian and Syrian tracks?

I think there is an admiration on the part of Clinton for the way in which Netanyahu has succeeded, first in taking over the Likud and then in winning this election.

The Clinton administration, under the clear directives of the president, has taken the approach that we have a democratic ally in Israel, we have a vital interest in its security and safety, we are going to work with Israel and not against it.

We have a commitment to strengthening Israel economically, politically, and militarily, because it's in our interests to do so, and because we believe that only a strong Israel is capable of moving forward in the peace process and taking the risks that are inevitably involved in compromising.

Do you expect the prime minister to inform the president of his decision on Hebron redeployment, on the closing of Orient House, on meeting with PA head Yasser Arafat?

We don't get into the specifics of what will be on the agenda either before or after [the meeting].

I think the president is expecting that the prime minister will play out his thinking on how he wants to proceed, and that will cover a lot of issues in the peace process. Certainly the first is the Palestinian track because there are agreements already struck that now require implementation. These are immediate issues that have to be dealt with. But there are also negotiations on other fronts and there are a lot of important issues to do with Jordan, to do with Syria, to do with the broader issues in the region.

The prime minister has said on a number of occasions that he intends to fulfill the commitments made in agreements by the previous government. How those are fulfilled is something that he is obviously paying a lot of attention to at the moment. We have had some preliminary discussions with him on that and we will continue those discussions.

DUE TO the American elections in November, and Netanyahu's desire to demonstrate back home that he can manage the US-Israel relationship, there seems to be a likelihood that the two will emerge afterwards and tell the cameras that they got along famously,

and how everything's wonderful. Do you think the two will develop a genuine rapport? What is the importance of personal rapport between leaders or is it all the cold interests of two countries?

Personalities play a critical role. [Former Egyptian president Anwar] Sadat's courage and willingness to break down the psychological barriers and come to Jerusalem to demonstrate his commitment to peace was critical in the achievement of an Israel-Egypt peace treaty. The role of personalities is also demonstrated in the courage of King Hussein and of Yasser Arafat and of course, of prime ministers Rabin and Peres.

President Clinton has met the prime minister on a number of occasions... I can testify to the fact that they already have a very good rapport. They are both young politicians who have both been through trial by fire in many ways. I think there is an admiration on the part of the president for the way in which the prime minister has succeeded, first in taking over the Likud Party and then in win-

ning this election. And underneath that is a real, genuine commitment on the part of President Clinton to the well-being of the State of Israel and the Jewish people and to strengthening the US-Israel relationship. He has I think demonstrated that time and time again in a way that even skeptical Israelis now accept as genuine.

So you have already both a personal relationship and, beyond that, a common interest that I think ensures there will be the kind of personal rapport that you speak of. [They share] a commitment to ensure that the US-Israel relationship remains, as the prime minister says, solid as a rock.

Inevitably in relations between states, differences will arise. It's inevitable that a superpower like the United States with its broad interests is going to have some different emphases to a small country like Israel which has very particular and focused interests; but the way that President Clinton has dealt with those situations when they arise between the US and Israel, and I believe the way he will deal with them if they arise again, will be in an environment of trust and confidence. When we have differences with Israel, we will deal with them directly and privately. I believe that just as we have resolved them in the past, we will be able to resolve them in the future.

The day before the Israeli elections, Clinton said they were a referendum on the peace process. Is he interpreting the results that the Israeli public was against peace? Do you think it was a mistake to come out for Peres? Can this administration work well with this government despite the whole campaign problem? Do you feel you personally could work well with this government?

I think the easiest answer to that is to look at what has happened in the last few weeks since the election. Both sides have made very clear their desire to work with each other and their understanding of the importance of doing so...

Was Clinton's pre-election statement a mistake?

As I have said before, the prime minister was elected with a mandate to pursue peace with security and he is making clear that he intends to do that. And that I think is what matters to

at all. This government, this prime minister, was elected on a mandate of peace and security. We have no problem with the concept, indeed we want a secure peace. It is obviously a question of how we go about achieving it.

Is this a departure from the past?

We have not changed our positions. Just because there is a new government here, we don't suddenly wake up the next day and say that everything we

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the president of the US and that is the basis upon which we will do business.

THE LAST four years have been described by many as a US-Israel honeymoon. Do you see that this honeymoon could continue for the next four years even though this government's peace policies will be at variance with those of its predecessor?

We make no judgments about that. We are not embarking on this new relationship with any assumptions like your suggestion that we are heading into a period of tension. We do not believe that this is necessary

In this regard, the Secretary's [of State Warren Christopher's] discussions with the prime minister were a good beginning. The way that the government has dealt with the immediate issues of the peace process, which is a pragmatic way, was very positive; we are looking to have a close and strong relationship with the new government in the same way as we had a close and strong relationship with the previous government.

Secretary Christopher said in Cairo that we support land for peace, but let's remember that this a generality and there must be negotiations. I think it was interpreted by some as a quali-

fication. believed for the past three decades is going to change. Our own position is that for peace agreements to be concluded, there has to be a territorial component to those agreements. This is the basis of Resolutions 242 and 338, with which the then-Likud government began the peace process in Madrid. It is still our principle. We also have another principle that is accepted by all the parties: The issues have to be resolved in direct negotiations between them.

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PM in DC to stress diplomacy, not defense

Netanyahu's trip to Washington will be a departure from the visits of his predecessors in a number of ways, Steve Rodan writes

FOR the last four years, the White House has known that a visiting Israeli prime minister would try to kill two birds with one stone.

Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin were both prime ministers and defense ministers and during their talks with the Bush and Clinton administrations, they got into the nitty-gritty of Israel's defense needs as well as the strategic relationship with Washington.

Binyamin Netanyahu arrives in Washington on Monday as prime minister only. And unlike his predecessors, Netanyahu will not be carrying a shopping list of weapons and defense aid sought by Israel.

"I don't think there is a shopping list," said Dov Zakheim, a former senior Pentagon official in the Reagan administration. "A lot of what was on the shopping list was linked to the notion that Israel would give up the Golan and it would have to be compensated."

Moreover, the prime minister has already signaled to the White House that he will not focus on defense issues during his forthcoming trip. Netanyahu will bring his military secretary, Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livne, for his meetings with US Defense Secretary William Perry and CIA director John Deutch.

But Netanyahu, his aides say, will not be accompanied by Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry, the most knowledgeable defense official today. He is being saved for a future visit, much to the chagrin of some defense officials who want to follow up on the pledges made by Clinton during Peres's trip in April.

"This trip will deal with diplomatic issues," a senior defense official said. "The defense agenda will not get any serious treatment. There will be another trip later that will deal with defense."

Aides to Netanyahu agree, adding that the prime minister will focus on Syrian and Palestinian support for terrorism. Netanyahu

is said to hope to put some teeth in April's US-Israel agreement to cooperate in the battle against terrorism.

"The kind of security we're talking about is not missile defense but terrorism," a source in the Prime Minister's Office said. "We want cooperation with the US that will translate into steps against states that sponsor terrorism."

As part of that cooperation, Netanyahu is said to want Washington's help in facilitating Israel's strategic ties with some Middle Eastern nations to confront threats from Syria and Iran. This alliance would include Turkey and Jordan.

As for strengthening security relations with the US, it is not only with the US, but with other Middle East countries who face common problems," Netanyahu said on Tuesday. "I would like to develop this into something quite broad."

NETANYAHU'S defense agenda, unlike that of Peres and Rabin, will stress the Syrian danger rather than highlighting the Iranian threat, aides say. Netanyahu does not play down the significance of Iran's drive to achieve a nuclear-weapons capability. But the prime minister viewed the emphasis of his predecessors on Iran as a way to avoid a discussion of the more immediate Syrian threat to Israel.

For the first time, the regime of President Hafez Assad can produce Scud-C missiles, which can reach virtually every part of Israel.

Moreover, as Netanyahu sees it, Syria is directing its war by proxy against Israel in South Lebanon. The prime minister is expected to press for Syria's withdrawal of its 35,000 troops from Lebanon as part of any agreement for an IDF

pullout.

"There may be some talk of Lebanese sovereignty, something which has long been ignored," a source in the Prime Minister's Office says. "Syria hasn't ended its occupation in Lebanon and we are asking how is this any different than the occupation of Kuwait?"

Another departure of Netanyahu's is that he has quietly dropped the Israeli proposal for a defense treaty with the US. The issue was promoted by Peres as a way of ensuring US help for Israel in the face of future Iranian nuclear weapons.

But Netanyahu is said to have seen Peres's idea as a gimmick meant to convince the electorate that Israel can afford to give up the Golan Heights. The prime minister has stressed that Israel wanted to retain its military independence, which would be restrained by a formal alliance with the US.

"A staple of Israel's defense policy is self-reliance," Netanyahu said, "and anything that will nullify this capacity is out of the question."

STILL, NETANYAHU will promote much of the defense agenda of his predecessors. One area will be that of ballistic missile defense. This includes urging the US to support such programs as Nautilus, the laser meant to destroy short-range rockets.

Programs such as the joint Arrow missile defense program will need less Israeli prodding. The program has been embraced by the Pentagon as one that will help in developing the US ballistic missile defense system.

"The Arrow program is a success story," Lt.-Gen. Malcolm

O'Neill told a congressional committee on April 17. "It has been a very profitable venture. I think, for America. We have a determined ally with a sense of urgency who wants to defend his country, and I think Israel will be the first in the world to have a national missile defense. And Arrow is the national missile defense system for Israel."

As with his predecessors, Netanyahu might encounter disagreements with the US on a variety of defense issues. These include Israeli transfer of technology to China, the use of reconnaissance satellites for commercial use and Israeli attempts to market satellite launchers in the US.

Zakheim, who speaks fluent Hebrew and dealt with US defense cooperation with Israel, says he suggested to Netanyahu that Jerusalem help Washington in its efforts to improve ties with Beijing.

"With a new government comes a new opportunity," Zakheim said. "Relations with China can be turned on their head. We have an extremely fragile relationship with China and Israel has an excellent relationship with it. They can help us."

Zakheim acknowledges that the new Likud-led government will differ with the Clinton administration on how to proceed with Middle East peace negotiations. But he does not see this immediately affecting the strategic ties between the two countries.

With four months to go to the US elections, Zakheim says, Clinton does not want to anger American Jews. Moreover, the president does not believe in confronting Israel the way his predecessor George Bush did.

"I wouldn't write the whole thing off and say 'Aha, we are back to the Likud government and George Bush,'" Zakheim said. "Bibi is not [former prime minister Yitzhak] Shamir. And Clinton is not Bush. I don't think we are back to 1990."



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Clinton and Netanyahu: A friendship in the making?

AS Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu prepares for his first meeting as premier with President Bill Clinton on Tuesday, the premier's advisers have not forgotten the now-legendary first meeting (in April 1989) between his Likud predecessor and then-premier Yitzhak Shamir and president George Bush.

As former secretary of state James Baker relates in his memoirs, at the meeting, Shamir disagreed with Bush's view that the US should care about Jewish settlements in the territories.

Yet when Bush persisted, Shamir reportedly said about settlements, "don't worry, they won't be a problem."

Bush took this as an assurance that settlement activity would be curbed, but when settlement expansion continued immediately thereafter, their personal relations deteriorated.

The relationship plunged even further in February 1990, when, during a phone conversation, Bush thought Shamir had been lying to him when he did not mention the

Both leaders will want to begin building a close relationship at next week's White House meeting, says David Makovsky

number of Israelis in eastern Jerusalem as part of a total number of settlers. In fact this sort of accounting would never have occurred to Shamir.

It did not matter. For the next 10 months, Bush refused to even speak with Shamir on the phone, a boycott which would have surely gone on longer had it not been for the Gulf War.

Avoiding such misunderstandings is aim No. 1 for Netanyahu as he meets Clinton next week. Yet, this time a good atmosphere is expected to prevail. There is a wide expectation that on the public level, both sides will have a deep interest in conveying a sense of success and therefore both will emerge from the Oval Office exuding warmth to the cameras.

Clinton is running for reelection in November partly as a Middle East peacemaker, and Netanyahu wants to show the Likud can form a good relationship with the US.

Netanyahu is not, however, merely interested in sound bites but what actually occurs. Specifically, people close to Netanyahu suggest the pre-

mier wants to use the "window" before the November election as a chance to build a genuine rapport with Clinton based on the probability that he will be reelected.

For the Likud, US-Israel relations are even more critical than for Labor. The peace policies of Shimon Peres could virtually market themselves in the Arab world, while the Likud's policies remain more controversial. "The US is key to everything," an aide to Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu will need the sustained involvement of the US to ensure that countries such as Egypt do not become unremittingly hostile or that an anti-peace Cairo-Damascus axis does not emerge in the wake of a failed negotiating process with Syria.

As Netanyahu seeks to discuss the prospects of a Lebanon-first deal involving Israeli pullout from the security zone in return for strict security guarantees, here too the US would be indispensable in brokering any deal.

It seems that the advice Netanyahu has been getting is that if

he wants US help, he needs to build a genuine relationship with Clinton. Some say it is predicated upon two things: demonstrating a sincere commitment to the peace process, and trust.

IN TERMS of the peace process, the administration is aiming to use the early months of Netanyahu's tenure to stabilize the Palestinian track and ensure what has been gained does not fall apart. Should the peace process with the Palestinians collapse, this would be terrible for Netanyahu for many reasons including security and economic implications.

Netanyahu is likely to tell Clinton how he envisions IDF redeployment in Hebron and any meeting with Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat. At the same time, he wants to "change the dishette" to ensure that Clinton's policies reflect not just concern with Middle East peace agreements, but peace with security for Israelis and Palestinians.

The second key factor is trust, namely that there should be no surprises by either side. Netanyahu does not want to be blind-sided by the US taking a diplomatic initiative with the Arabs. He wants to make sure there is prior US-Israel consultation.

At the same time, Clinton has his concerns too. Clinton knows very well that Netanyahu's relations with the Republicans in Congress are very close. One Republican congressman even called Netanyahu "one of us."

Clinton suspects that many of them have been contacting Netanyahu and urging him to team up with them in this presidential election year. Therefore, some say, Clinton wants to be assured that Netanyahu does not circumvent him and go into cahoots with the Republicans.

Nor does Clinton want to read in the newspapers about some secret Israeli-Jordanian effort which could be seen as upsetting the regional

apple cart. In return for a no-surprises approach, the administration will seek to avoid scoring political points with Europeans and Arabs at Netanyahu's expense and it will maintain discretion.

Apparently, this confidence-building is already beginning.

There is gratitude in Washington that Netanyahu did not appoint Ariel Sharon to be finance minister or that he did not surprise them by announcing any settlement expansion before going to Washington, a move which could only embarrass the administration.

In return, the US is keeping its silence on some matters where it could have publicly criticized Netanyahu. It has not publicly differed with his interpretation of UN Resolution 242 which the international community says means land for peace.

Working in Netanyahu's favor is that senior Clinton administration officials say that Clinton tends to like ambitious politicians like himself, such as Jacques Chirac, Helmut Kohl and Boris Yeltsin. He finds them preferable to a more aloof Francois Mitterand. "Clinton likes hearing from savvy politicians about where they can maneuver and where they are constrained. Given their similarities, I think Clinton and Bibi will be smoking cigars on the White House porch," said one.

Indeed the external similarities between an indefatigably ambitious and politically savvy Clinton and Netanyahu, both of whom have overcome adversity, are obvious.

US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk says, "they are both young, politicians who have both been through trial by fire in many ways."

"I think there is an admiration on the part of the president for the way in which the prime minister has succeeded. First in taking over the Likud party and then in winning this election." Others would add to the similarities that each has endured particular womanizing allegations.

Yet, differences remain and perhaps Netanyahu can learn from Clinton. As Clinton demonstrated during his visit here in March, he is clearly the "great empathizer."

By identifying with the suffering of others, he can engender broad

support. He is well ahead of Republican challenger Robert Dole despite the fact that the president faces hints of some new scandal virtually every week.

As Netanyahu navigates through coalition crises, his task will be to remain true to policy objectives but at the same time identify with the people whose lives may be affected by dint of economic reform. His ministers need to go along with him as motivated partners and not just due to fear of being politically clubbed by newly empowered premier.

The construction of a relationship with Clinton can be multi-faceted, but it has been complicated by the president's all-but-explicit support for Peres during the election campaign. Some analysts predict Clinton will tell Netanyahu that this was not done for Peres, but rather this was an obligation he felt he owed after the murder of Yitzhak Rabin. By Clinton encouraging Rabin to take risks for peace, Rabin paid the ultimate price.

To illustrate the point, it may be recalled that when Anwar Sadat was assassinated, Jimmy Carter felt guilty. Around the time of the Camp David summit, Carter promised Sadat that during his second term he would press to see Palestinian autonomy implemented and therefore he should sign a peace agreement with a clear sense that this was not a separate peace.

Yet Carter was never reelected, and Sadat was killed shortly thereafter. He seems to have taken this guilt out on Israel, as is evidenced by the sharp edge of his subsequent book *The Blood of Abraham* and public pronouncements.

Clinton does not feel guilt but duty. When presidential challenger Clinton first met the gruff ex-general Rabin in August 1992, sources say the Arkansas governor felt intimidated.

Yet, this evolved into a friendship. After the famous 1993 handshake on the White House lawn, Clinton came to view Rabin as a 20th-century figure of Churchillian proportions, someone whose visage could be chiseled into Mount Rushmore granite.

It is the Palestinian track, more than the Syrian track, which is most associated with Rabin. Should the Palestinian track collapse due to Netanyahu, Clinton - who is free from electoral constraints once reelected - may blame Netanyahu for unraveling the Rabin peace legacy.

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Iran's terror: The finger is at Rafsanjani's door

Iranian terrorism operates under a precisely defined structure, with the president himself at its head, reports Douglas Davis from London

RELA Mazlouman, a former professor of criminology at Tehran University and a deputy minister in the government of the shah, was entertaining a friend in his Paris home on the evening of May 28. A knock on the door announced the arrival of Ahmad Jayhouni, owner of a video shop in Bonn and an avowed opponent of the Iranian regime. The three men chatted until the friend decided to leave. Then, alone with his host in the apartment, Jayhouni pulled a gun and shot Mazlouman twice in the head, killing him instantly. Another of the regime's perceived enemies had been assassinated. When German police detained the video-shop owner shortly afterwards, Jayhouni admitted he had been the visitor at Mazlouman's Paris apartment on the evening of the attack, but vigorously denied that he was the killer. As the investigation progressed, however, the German police found that, far from being an innocent opponent of the Iranian regime, Jayhouni was a high-ranking officer in Iranian intelligence - euphemistically known as

the Information and Security Ministry - with close connections to the "Third Floor."

To the German counter-intelligence community, the "Third Floor" is shorthand for that section of Iran's embassy in Bonn which serves not only as the headquarters of Iranian intelligence in Germany but as the operational center of its terrorist activities throughout Europe.

Details of this and of dozens of other killings and terrorist attacks ordered, organized and executed by Teheran against its perceived enemies are contained in a 93-page report, *Iran: State of Terror*, published in London this week by Britain's all-party Parliamentary Human Rights Group.

Since Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini arrived back in Teheran from his exile in Paris to head the new Islamic Republic 17 years ago, says the report, more than 350 Iranian dissidents have been killed or injured by Iranian hit operating squads in 21 countries.

Of these killings, more than two-thirds have been conducted in the past seven years, since Khomeini's death and under the presidency of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, who is widely regarded by the West as a "moderate."

Appearing before the US congressional Foreign Relations Committee on March 19, Michael Eisenstadt, senior research fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, testified that "terror and subversion have been key instruments of Teheran's foreign policy since the Islamic Revolution in 1979."

In all, he said, "Iranian-sponsored and -inspired terror has claimed more than 1,000 lives worldwide."

THE MACHINERY of terrorism is not, as has been widely assumed in the West, dispersed among rival state ministries, powerful government officials or

"rogue" groups with an ax to grind.

On the contrary, the decision-making process for ordering and orchestrating Iran's campaign of international terrorism is centrally controlled, highly bureaucratic and surprisingly banal.

A precisely defined organizational structure exists for approving targets and methods of attack, undertaking feasibility studies and planning operations, and, finally, for providing weapons, logistical support and cash.

According to this structure, all proposals for terrorist attacks are initially endorsed and ultimately authorized by Rafsanjani himself.

Approved proposals are then passed on to the Intelligence Section in the President's Office, a unit which was established by Rafsanjani and which coordinates all such operations.

The daily functions of this unit are run by Ahmad Behbahani, a relative of Rafsanjani, who designates targets and, if approval is given, decides which state organ will execute a particular operation.

Before orders are given to execute a plan, however, the feasibility of the operation is tested by the Ministry of Information and Security. If it passes this test, the plan is presented to the 15-man Supreme Security Council (SSC), headed by Rafsanjani, for final approval (see box).

After receiving SSC approval, authority for the operation reverts to Behbahani's Intelligence Section in the President's Office, which then passes on the task to the branch Behbahani has selected to execute the task: The Ministry of Information and Security, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards' Qods Force, or both.

The head of the chosen branch, along with his logistics and operational chiefs, studies the plan. He then presents detailed requirements for the operation to



Behbahani, who, in turn, consults with appropriate ministries and officials.

The Foreign Ministry provides the necessary passports, visas and funds, while ensuring the safe passage of weapons through the diplomatic pouch to appropriate embassies.

The embassies themselves designate individuals to work with

the assault teams and, finally, the Ministry of Defense and Support arranges and purchases the necessary flight tickets from Iran Air to transport the teams to destination from which the operations will be launched.

IRANIAN hit-squads operating abroad have traditionally used relatively low-tech guns, knives or

explosives to assassinate their targets.

On March 14, however, Western intelligence agencies were alerted to an alarming escalation of the Iranian terrorist threat.

Less than a month earlier, on February 24, the Iranian vessel *Koladhoos* had sailed from Bandar Abbas bound for the Belgian port of Antwerp and then

on to the German free port of Stade, near Hamburg.

Among its cargo was a container shipped by Jiroft Food Industries, a company owned by Ahmad Shojaiem and located, as its name suggests, in the southern Iranian city of Jiroft.

But the company's owner was not a food manufacturer and the (Continued on Page 11)

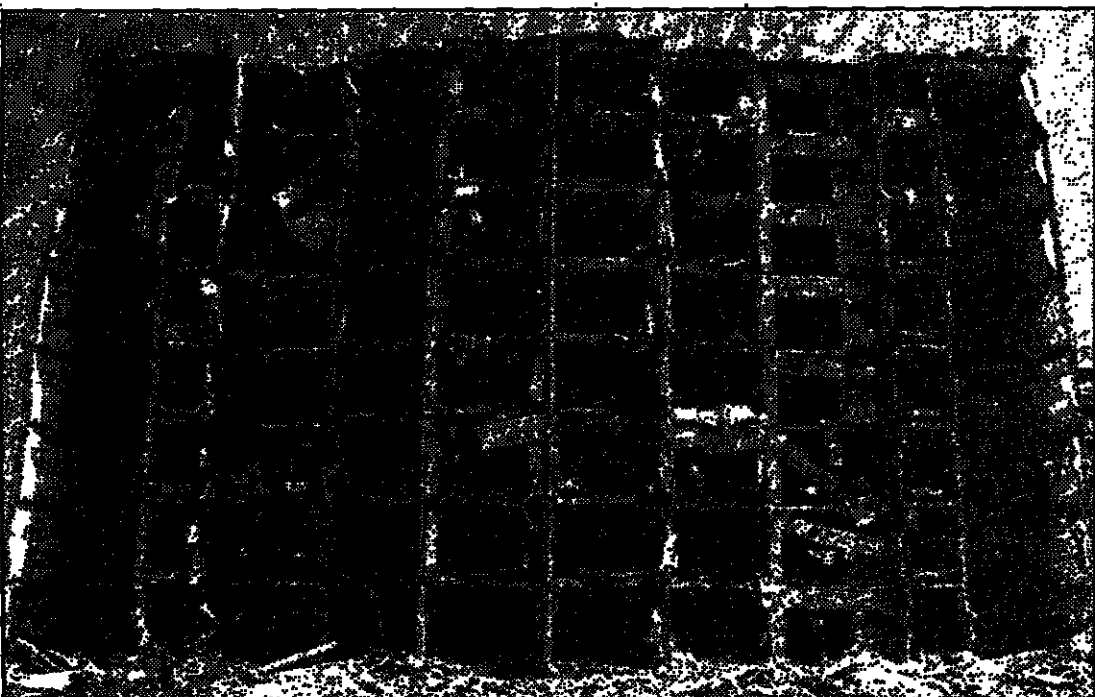
Terrorism: The appeasement continues

Barry Rubin despairs at the poor state of international counterterrorism

More than 10 years ago, a well-known American Middle East specialist remarked, while giving me a grant to run a project on terrorism, "But you know, this isn't going to be a problem much longer." Why is the world so dopey in coping with terrorism? Every new attack or wave of bombing and murder seems to catch Western leaders by surprise. High-level international talks on the problem go around in circles, rarely leading to real cooperation or decisive action despite the fact that terrorist acts are often the number-one global news story.

This issue is especially important now that terrorism - always a problem for Israel - has succeeded in playing such a central role in affecting the Israel-Palestinian peace process and determining Israel's elections. The fact that Israel's new prime minister is an expert on the subject, with clear views about how to handle it, means terrorism is likely to become an even more prominent question.

The state of international counter-terrorism makes one despair. President Bill Clinton's words after the terrorist attack on the US military housing complex



The bombed-out remains of the US Air Force barracks in Dhahran where 19 servicemen lost their lives and 270 were injured.

in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, were virtually identical to those uttered by President Ronald Reagan after the truck-bomb explosion at the US Marine base at Beirut airport.

American presidents, British prime ministers and others repeatedly say that the perpetrators should know that their punishment is inevitable. But usually the terrorists - and even more often their state sponsors - get away with it.

The Sharm e-Sheikh antiterror-

ism conference in March brought together 29 world leaders who resolved "to stand staunchly against all such [terrorist] acts."

They pledged to coordinate antiterrorist efforts, bring perpetrators to justice, and clamp down on recruiting or fund-raising by such groups.

That gathering, already a distant

memory, can only be viewed with irony. Since then, there has been little change in the international atmosphere despite new assaults on downtown London and Manchester, against Americans in Saudi Arabia, and continued terrorism-based civil wars in Algeria and Egypt, not to mention Israel's situation.

More than ever before, Arab states have had to take notice of the threat terrorism poses to them. Last January, 20 Arab countries sent their interior ministers to Tunisia to discuss a "code of conduct" and a joint security strategy to fight revolutionary Islamic movements. Jordan took a tougher line at Sharm e-Sheikh than the Americans or Europeans.

The Arab summit, held in June in Cairo, condemned terrorism (albeit making an exception for "liberation wars," at Syria's insistence) and criticized Iran for backing a revolt in Bahrain.

For the first time, an antiterrorism lobby appeared at the Arab League, spearheaded by Jordan and Bahrain.

In contrast, the US effort to get European states to take a harder line against terrorism has been going on for about a quarter-century. But at the G-7 summit of industrialized countries last week, French and other critics accused Clinton of hijacking the meeting to focus on terrorism rather than on other issues. The Europeans generally opposed his call for economic sanctions against states

sponsoring terrorism.

THERE ARE a number of reasons for this long-standing Western weakness toward terrorism.

• **Appeasement.** Many countries practice the equivalent of paying protection money to gangsters, arguing, "if we don't bother terrorists, they won't bother us. This is a cynical, short-sighted tactic, although of course that is nothing new in politics and international affairs.

• **Advocates of strong antiterrorist measures** like to say that appeasement does not work. But it often does succeed from a purely selfish standpoint. The secondary problem - as Britain, France and Greece have discovered - is that terrorists will still want to launch attacks on your territory no matter how hard you try to avoid offending them.

• **Greed.** One man's terrorist is often another man's customer. In the Middle East, the main location and source of international terrorism, there are many terrorists with rich friends or sponsors. Iran, Iraq and Libya - three of the main states backing terrorism - also have much oil money. They buy a

lot of Western products, which gives them economic leverage.

Economic sanctions against those responsible for such violence also hurts companies and jobs in countries endorsing that punishment.

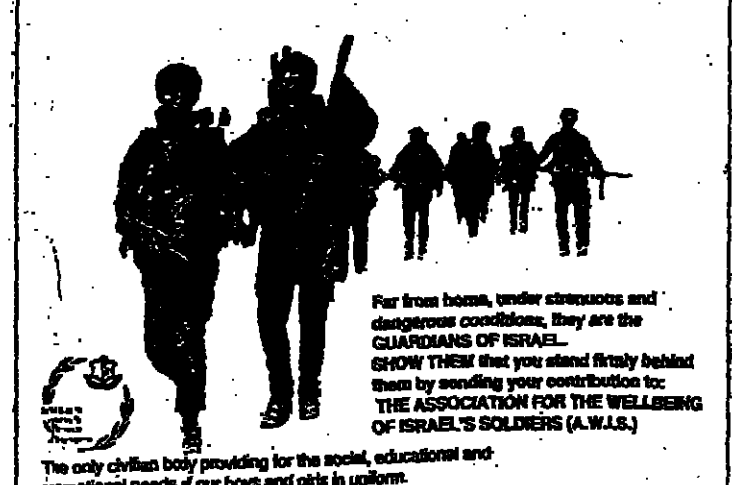
• **Elected governments** fear that any sacrifices will reduce their popularity at home. There are many unscrupulous individuals and companies ready to sell anything to anyone.

• **Strategic interests.** During the Cold War, it was constantly claimed that pressure against Arab terrorists or their supporters could push Arabs into the Soviet camp.

This view generally proved inaccurate at the time. Today, such factors are far less important. But the need for Syrian participation in the peace process, or trying to use Iran against Iraq (or vice versa), are considerations cited in refusing to do more.

• **No big deal.** The sporadic nature of big terrorist successes makes it easy to forget them between explosions. The major events every few months or so make international terrorism seem (Continued on Page 11)

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Relations with Ankara: Crisis or cooperation?

The rhetoric of Turkey's new Islamist prime minister is a cause for concern, George E. Gruen writes

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In a victory of hope over experience, government sources in Jerusalem are expressing cautious optimism over developments in Turkey. They believe that the general direction of the new Turkish government's foreign policy, and particularly the future of Ankara's strategic ties with Israel and support for the peace process, will not fundamentally change. As former prime minister Shimon Peres told CNN on Monday: "Governments may change but basic interests remain."

The recently expanded ties between Ankara and Jerusalem reflect common interests. These range from a concern over Syrian-supported terrorism and its irredentist demands of Turkey (for Hatay), and Israel (for the Golan Heights), to Israel's successful diplomatic campaign last year to win European Union approval of a customs union with Turkey. A November 1994 agreement to share intelligence and police cooperation to combat drug dealing and terrorism has benefited both sides.

March's Free Trade Agreement is projected to increase bilateral trade from the current \$500 million to \$2 billion annually by 2000. In addition to joint ventures in Turkey and the Turkish republics, an estimated 300,000 Israeli tourists last year spent \$240m. in Turkey. Defense industry cooperation includes a \$650m. contract that Israel Aircraft Industries won from the Turkish Air Force to upgrade 54 of its US-supplied F-4 Phantom jets with sophisticated Israeli radar systems, air-to-air missiles and advanced avionics.

Since Israel and Turkey employ the same American weapons systems, it was logical for them to conclude in February a reciprocal military-training agreement for their air and naval personnel. This provoked a storm of criticism in Syria, Iran and, initially, in Egypt, until the Turks reassured Cairo that the planes would be unarmed and that Ankara had similar agreements with 16 countries, including Egypt.

Within Turkey, the growing strategic relationship with Israel has been endorsed by all the secular parties. Israelis hope that, once he is fully briefed by the civilian and military members of the National Security Council, Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, leader of the pro-Islamist Refah (Welfare or Prosperity) Party, will realize that the ties with Israel are indeed beneficial to Turkey.

Erbakan, however, has said he would increase ties with the Islamic, Central Asian and Balkan countries with which Turkey has "spiritual and historic links," and that he would not implement those agreements that are "against national security and national interests." This was interpreted as an allusion to the recent military agreement with Israel.

On Tuesday, after meeting with US State

Department officials, Erbakan made no reference to the Turkish-Israeli military agreement, but declared: "Israel must abide by United Nations decisions and, as a first step to secure peace in the Middle East, withdraw from the territories it invaded, including the Golan Heights." This statement was fully consistent with all the Turkish positions on the issue since the 1950s.

IN THE past, Erbakan castigated Turkey's close ties with the US, NATO and the EU, calling instead for an Islamic "just order" that would abolish interest, eliminate Western influence, strengthen ties with Moslem states and create an Islamic Common Market. He called then-prime minister Tansu Ciller an "Israeli puppet," told voters their choice was between supporting "Greater Israel or Greater Turkey," and listed Jerusalem, together with Sarajevo, Chechnya and Nagorno-Karabakh, as Moslem areas he would "liberate."

Even after a Welfare Party supporter tried to kill President Suleyman Demirel in May - allegedly in protest over the Turkish-Israeli agreement - Erbakan continued his vitriolic rhetoric, though he called the assassination attempt a "despicable act."

Erbakan helped bring down the previous government by initiating parliamentary inquiries into Ciller's financial dealings, alleging illegal profiting from car and electric utility contracts and charging that some \$6m. had been unaccounted for. Were she indicted in this Turkish "Whitewater," Ciller would be barred from politics temporarily; and if convicted, permanently.

Yet for now she is to be foreign minister in Erbakan's cabinet and slated to assume the premiership in the coalition's third year. Few believe the current government will last that long: The betting in Ankara is between six weeks and six months. There is even doubt that Erbakan will receive the necessary parliamentary majority on Monday, since there have been defections from Ciller's True Path Party of both staunch secularists and hard-line Islamic fundamentalists who feel Erbakan betrayed his principles by agreeing to suspend the inquiries.

The new government will have to grapple with formidable economic and social problems, inflation of over 80 percent, some 10 million unemployed among a rapidly growing population (now 62 million), an immense and growing budget deficit, unproductive state enterprises, and the cost of fighting the decade-long Syrian-backed armed insurrection by the Marxist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). This has resulted in nearly 20,000 persons killed on both sides, and an exodus of some three million from the war-plagued villages of eastern Anatolia to the



Turkey's new Islamist prime minister, Necmettin Erbakan, poses with a group of students from Kenya and Bangladesh in front of portrait of the father of modern Turkey, Kemal Ataturk.

big cities. Erbakan, an engineer by training, served in junior posts in three coalition governments in the 1970s, but it remains to be seen how effectively he will govern. Already his reputation as "Mr. Clean" is being questioned by allegations that he registered party property in his own name, and that some 25% of money collected for Bosnian relief ended up in Welfare Party coffers.

ERBAKAN KNOWS not to again antagonize the military, the self-appointed guardians of Kemal Ataturk's secularist principles.

In 1980 a demonstration by Erbakan supporters in the Islamic fundamentalist city of Konya, ostensibly to protest Israel's Jerusalem Law, degenerated into calls for restoration of Sharia

(Islamic law) and the burning of the American and Israeli flags. For the military this was the last straw at a time when Turkey was racked by extremist violence from both right and left.

The military stepped in, banned political parties and arrested their leaders. Erbakan was tried but not convicted of violating the constitutional bans on religious parties. The military stepped down and multiparty politics resumed in 1983.

To show he learned his lesson, Erbakan's first act as premier-designate last week was to lay a wreath at Ataturk's tomb.

President Demirel and the National Security Council's other eight military and political leaders, all secularists, support ties with Israel. Erbakan has just the one vote in this council. Binyamin Netanyahu's recent condemnation of

Syria as a terrorist-supporting state, which noted Syrian President Hafez Assad's support of the PKK and other anti-Turkish groups, was welcomed in Ankara, especially after the concern expressed by Demirel and others that premier Peres and President Clinton were whitewashing Assad in hopes for a quick agreement.

Under an agreement between the Turkish and Israeli agriculture ministries, Israel has introduced highly efficient drip irrigation and other water-saving techniques in Turkey. Already cotton yields have been doubled and water consumption halved in pilot projects.

Whatever the shape of the new government in Ankara, if it follows traditional Turkish pragmatism, it will find many areas of common interest with Israel.

Theme tunes from 'The BB-Files' dominate the airwaves

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in a television interview last week that his life is an open book. Some of the pages looked decidedly stuck together this week, particularly in the area of the "dark chapters" where Netanyahu persistently

declines to shed any light. The intrigue bounced from the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem weeklies to the daily news and finally into the Knesset when it was raised in a motion for the agenda by Labor MK Dalia Itzik, bearing the whimsical title "Who are you, Binyamin Netanyahu?"

Parliamentary questions followed from MKs Tamar Gozansky of Hatash and Ophir Pines of Labor. The issue was topped off in a motion submitted by Meretz MK Yossi Sarid and suggested "Who are you, John J. Sullivan?" one of the names reportedly lurking in Netanyahu's Social Security file in the United States, which has been closed to inquiries made under the Freedom of Information Act.

The topic was first disqualified by Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon as mere gossip unworthy of parliament and when submitted under a new title was finally removed from the agenda by coalition majority votes. But the

THE WEEK THAT WAS MICHAL YUDELMAN

this is normally for persons on a witness-protection program or working undercover for one of these organizations. Knesset members speculated endlessly over the reports. Why are there four names in Netanyahu's Social Security file (Benjamin Netanyahu, Benjamin Nini, John J. Sullivan and John Sullivan Jr.)? Why is the address fictitious? Why did the US authorities block access to all the files of former citizen Netanyahu? MK Yossi Sarid said he did not suspect Netanyahu of being a terror-

it was up to the press to prove its allegations. *Ma'ariv* reported yesterday that it had found John J. Sullivan, on the West Coast, who denied any connection with Netanyahu or any links with US intelligence.

Parliamentarians meanwhile lashed the Israeli media for falling asleep on the job and failing to dig into Netanyahu's past all the time he was an aspiring prime minister. Likud MK Gideon Ezra said Labor too blew it when it failed to discover all these mysteries before the elections, scoffing "that's another of the talents which brought Labor to where it is now."

NANNYGATE Neither politics nor economics could compete with the sensationalized story of Netanyahu's au pair which swamped the newspapers and filled the international media from Washington to Paris.

Tania Shaw, 21, a new immigrant from South Africa, was thrown out by Sara Netanyahu at the weekend "because she burnt the soup."

Shaw filled newspapers this week with reports of humiliating treatment at the hands of Mrs. Netanyahu, alleging that she was forbidden to leave the house without permission, forced to wash her hands before touching the children, the laundry "or any of their things," and forbidden to wear make-up.

More seriously, on election day, Sara allegedly refused to give her time off to cast her vote.

"Many nights I cried myself to sleep," wailed Shaw, adding that she was not allowed to eat with the family and sometimes even had to buy herself food. She said she was never paid on time, and that, on the occasions she called her parents in Tel Aviv to bring her something to eat, Sara Netanyahu would not let them come in.

She claimed that she was thrown out by the security guards on Sara Netanyahu's orders without being allowed to pack her belongings. She was allowed to return for them several hours later but some things, includ-



The Netanyahus, sans au pair, enjoy a recent day out on horseback in the Jerusalem hills with children Yair (left) and Yael. (David Rubinger)

ing her handbag and purse went, she said, thrown out into the street in garbage bags.

The prime minister's spokesman said the au pair had "problems of instability" and was a security risk although she had been screened and security guards said she was not a problem.

With such publicity, the new "first lady" may soon be suffering from over-exposure. Knesset members wondered whether she was modeling herself on American first ladies, or perhaps on Princess Di by dragging two small children in front of every photo opportunity.

Since the Clintons have Socks the First Cat, scoffed some wags, no doubt we'll soon be subjected to Boots the First Dog.

Some observers wondered if Netanyahu will live to regret grafting his Americanized alien "first family" style onto Israeli cultural norms when the media takes the bait and responds with equally Americanized ruthlessness.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS In June, 50 people were killed in traffic accidents. Politicians blame the drivers, the drivers blame the roads, and the government is at a loss what to do to stop the slaughter.

Kabbalist Rabbi David Batzi has the answer. "If women stop having abortions, traffic accidents will be reduced," he proclaimed this week.

This whimsical Knesset member of the wisdom of former interior minister Yitzhak Peretz, of Shas He attributed the tragedy at Habolim, where a bus full of children was hit by a train, to faulty *mazetz* in the homes of the victims' parents.

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, of the National Religious Party, hemmed and hawed when asked in comment on Rabbi Batzi's imaginative solution, which is not believed to have been tried in less enlightened democracies, so no research data is available. Levy finally mumbled he would try other solutions.

Good thing Shas didn't get the Transport Ministry, said one cynical Labor MK to another. They'd be issuing *amulets* against car crashes, and think how much money that would save the government.

The Labor MKs also had a suggestion (at least as sensible as Batzi's) for Shas and the NR, who are hickering over how to carve up the Religious Affairs Ministry between them.

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Dalia Itzik and Dan Tichon share a light-hearted moment in the Knesset recently. This week, Itzik needed all her powers of persuasion to convince new Knesset Speaker Tichon, that he should hold a debate on the "real identity" of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

burning topic kept the Knesset cafeteria buzz with one comedian suggesting Israel call in Dana Scully and Fox Mulder to unravel the BB-Files. The most mystifying part of the saga, elaborated first in Tel Aviv's *Ha'ir*, is the four different names under one social-security number in Netanyahu's files, made more intriguing by the closure slapped on them by the US federal authorities.

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It is time to violate Torah for God's sake

IT HAS been quite a while since "Hi" and "Bye" replaced "Shalom" as the standard salutation and valediction among us.

"Hi" is, of course, a contraction of "How are you?" via "Hahyeh" and "Hya?"

For a while, the Italian "Ciao" (pronounced "chow") and then the English "See you" prevailed as the standard valediction. But before too long "Bye," or the Arabic-English combination, "Yalla, bye," gained the ascendancy.

How many of our post-Jewish Israelis would continue to say "Bye" if they knew of its religious significance and biblical origin? For "Bye" is a contraction of "Good bye," which is an 18th-century descendant of the 16th-century "God be with you," or, as it appears in Shakespeare and other sources of that period, "God be wi' you," "God buy ye," or "God b' wi' ye."

It is assumed that "good" replaced "God" under the influence of "Good day" and "Good night."

On the other hand, "God" seems to have replaced "good" in the blessing, "Godspeed."

The original meaning of the Germanic word "speed" is "success," so when you wish someone "Godspeed," you are really wishing them "good fortune." In the modern sense of rapidity, "speed" is idiomatic.

(See Webster's Word Histories; John Ayto's Dictionary of Word Origins; Arcade, 1990; A Shakespeare Glossary, 2nd edition, revised and corrected, by C.T. Onions, Oxford 1946; and Robert Claiborne's The Roots of English, Anchor/Doubleday, 1990.)

SINCE The Bible has been held to be "the national epic of Britain" (as Thomas Huxley, the 19th-century scientist-philosopher, characterized it), one may assume that it was from the Bible that the British adopted "God be with you." But it is originally a salutation, not a valediction. In Judges 6:12, the divine messenger greets Gideon with, "God be with you, valiant warrior." And in Ruth 2:4 Boaz greets the reapers with, "God be with you," to which they reply, "God bless you."

According to the talmudic sages, using God's Name in any "secular" context was originally considered a violation of the third commandment of the Decalogue. Boaz was the first person to use it thus with official sanction, by a decision of the *beit din* (religious court) he himself headed as the leader of his generation. He initiated this move because the people were forgetting or deliberately

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Ignoring God and His role in our affairs.

God Himself had earlier indicated approval of such an act when He had the angel greet Gideon as he did.

Boaz acted on the principle of, "It is time to act for God; they have violated your Torah." (Psalms 119:126).

This passage is understood in two senses, both calling for urgent action. The obvious reading suggests, for example: Since people are not obeying the laws of the Torah, one must act: punish violators more severely; improve the educational system, produce more and better educational videos and CD-ROMS, etc.

Interestingly, though, the Sages of antiquity read the passage in a way that their 20th-century epigones, with extremely rare exceptions, have indicated they consider blasphemous. That reading tells us, as the action of Boaz and his court suggests: There are times when in order to serve God, we are to violate the Torah.

In decreeing a "secular" use of God's Name, Boaz violated an express prohibition of the Torah, in order to remind the people of God's presence.

The very putting of the Talmud, the "Oral Torah," into writing was a similar violation, and was also justified by the principle of: For God's sake, violate the Torah.

The Torah proper, the Pentateuch, is called "the Written Torah," and originally it alone was permitted to be written down.

In the talmudic period, a period of turbulence in Eretz Yisrael and Babylonia, the Jews underwent severe persecution at the hands of the Romans and then of the Byzantines, and sometimes also of the Persians. Consequently, the talmudic Sages, fearing that the oral tradition, without which much of the written Torah is incomprehensible, would be forgotten, started putting it into writing in the form of the Mishna and the Gemara, which together comprise the canon called the Talmud.

A fascinating legend involving Alexander the Great tells us of another instance where the Torah was violated for God's sake, on the principle stated in Psalms 119:126.

When Alexander arrived in Eretz Yisrael from the north in his campaign of world conquest, he was first welcomed by the Samaritans, whose request to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem he promptly granted.

The Temple's high priest, Simon the Just, gathered an entourage of Jerusalem personalities and set out to greet Alexander. Realizing that the situation was critical, Simon attired himself in the full high-priestly raiments, in violation of an express command of the Torah that these were to be worn only inside the precincts of the Tabernacle and, hence, the Temple.

When Simon and Alexander came within sight of each other near Antipatris, Alexander dismounted from his horse and bowed to Simon.

Alexander's escorts were astonished: "You, the mighty monarch, bowing down to this Jew?!"

Alexander replied: "This man's image has led the way for me in all my victories."

Alexander asked Simon why he had come. Simon told him of the Samaritans' treachery, and Alexander reversed his decision concerning the Temple.

There is also the episode of Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel thwarting price gougers by threatening to cancel a sacrifice expressly prescribed in the Torah.

A RELATED principle, enunciated by the talmudic Sage Rabbi Hiyva bar Abba in Rabbi Yohanan's name, tells us that it is fitting to "uproot" a part of the Torah if required to avoid disgracing God's Name.

Conversely, Rabbi Yohanan teaches in the name of Rabbi Shimon ben Yehotzadak that one may "uproot" part of the Torah in order to bring credit and honor to God's Name.

Maimonides, elaborating on this, rules that "one may suspend an action commandment or violate a prohibition in order to bring many Jews back to proper observance or to save many from inadvertent wrongdoing."

So the classic Jewish legal authorities, for whom Jewishness was a dynamic way of life, provide ample leeway for action by our contemporary authorities - leeway for them to show that Jewishness is much more than an immutable catechism. All they have to do is act intelligently and compassionately.

(See Maimonides, Mishneh Torah, "Hilchot Mamrim" 2; Yevamot 78b-79a; -Kritot 8a; Gittin 60a-b; Yoma 69a, 85b; Berachot 54a, 63a; Yerushalmi Berachot 9:5; Shabbat 138b, 151a; Temura 14b; Makkot 23b; Megilat Ta'anit IX; Shemot Raba 47:3; Bemidbar Raba 8:4; Ruth Raba 4:5; Midrash Tahillim 57; Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, Book XI.)

"And God spoke to Moses saying: 'Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, in that he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace.'"
(Num. 22:10-12)

WHAT makes the tragic liaisons of Israelites with the Moabite women (at the end of last week's portion that paves the way for Phinehas's zealous action), so disturbing is not so much that it represents sexual licentiousness and idolatry gone awry but, given all the lofty and laudatory prophetic words describing the Israelites which precede it, it's an absolute shock, utterly unexpected.

The entire portion of Balak and the prophecy by Balaam had been motivated by one objective: cursing the Israelites. With his tremendous wealth as a blandishment, the Moabite king sends a delegation to Balaam, the Gentile prophet whose words have a magical effect: all Balaam the seer had to do in the past was open his mouth and the object of his rantor suffered defeat.

Balaam is told by God to refuse the offer. A second delegation is sent, composed of mightier representatives, and a much bigger purse, but to no avail.

Although Balaam goes with the enemies of Israel, God as well as the morality of the Israelites conjoin in preventing the Gentile prophet from cursing the Jews; instead of defaming them, he ends up praising them, and the most exquisite descriptions in the entire Torah regarding Israel emerge from Balaam's lips: "None had beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither has one seen perverseness in Israel..." (Num. 23:18) "How goodly are your tents O Jacob, your dwellings O Israel..." (24:5) "There shall step forth a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel." (24:17)

By the time the text describes Balaam and Balak returning to their respective places (24:25), it becomes clear that their effort has failed. All the gold and silver and sacrifices and altars couldn't get Balaam to say one bad word about the Israelites.

But then the unspeakable happens. The narrative doesn't end with the spectacle of the two departing figures who couldn't curse the Jews. The departure of Balak and Balaam is immediately followed with a description of the Israelites cohabiting with the daughters of Moab, sacrificing to their gods, feasting at their idolatrous feasts, worshipping Baal Peor.

Is this the same people just described by

SHABBAT SHALOM SHLOMO RISKIN

Balaam - modest, virtuous, beloved by God?

How could such degeneration happen in the blink of an eye? It turns everything Balaam was saying into a burlesque parody of the truth. If they could fall into the lustful trap of these women the very moment Balaam stops praising them as a great nation, could they have been that great in the first place?

IT'S EASY to imagine that when Balaam awoke the next morning, he smiled a crooked smile: "If you can't curse them to death, then praise them to death."

And herein lies the key to the diabolical ministry of Balaam - as well as to the true leadership of Moses and the subsequent prophets of Israel. In the mouth of someone evil, even words of truth can become a weapon of destruction. Everything Balaam said was laced with "arsenic" - a verbal poison - because he was out to destroy by manipulation.

He understood that praise could also work for his benefit. A flatterer, he tells his audience what they want to hear. They fall for the smooth words, delighted by this new image of themselves. More importantly, Balaam understands that the invincibility of the Israelites is dependent on their moral level. That is precisely why all the authentic prophets of Israel admonished and thereby corrected the nation, keeping the citizens on their ethical guard.

Not so Balaam. He wants them to believe his words of praise and thereby become self-satisfied, complacent, even arrogant. Let them believe that you are superior to everyone else, let them stop trying to perfect their faults, to strengthen their spiritual resolve. Then, when they least expect it, the glance of a Moabite woman and the scent of her idolatrous sacrifices will entrap.

So Balak and Balaam are back in business. Apparent failure has turned into blazing success. The results were even greater than their wildest expectations. A plague is about to break loose. The idolatrous and adulterous misbehavior of the Israelites results in the wrath of God, who commands that the leaders be hanged in the face of the sun. Moses commands the judges to kill all those who have joined in the worship of Baal Peor.

And despite the evident displeasure of God, a prince of the family of Simeon flaunts his defiance - according to the Midrash, he even ridicules Moses that his own wife is a Midianite - and fornicates in public with his own Midianite. If not for

the zealous action of Phinehas, thrusting his spear through their two bodies simultaneously, the plague would have continued.

Phinehas's spear halts the dead at 24,000. But from Balaam's perspective, 24,000 dead was not bad for a week's work.

WHATEVER ELSE can be said about Balaam and Phinehas, they represent two expressions of leadership. Balaam praises in order to disarm, outsmarting not only the Israelites but even God Himself.

His motives are purely vernal, and in the end he is a man who can be bought by the highest bidder. His only god is the god of gold. Despite his poetic oratory and perspicacious persuasiveness, his influence is short-lived and he quickly fades from the stage of history.

But the representative at the other end of the chain, zealous Phinehas who reminds Moses of the law that *kama'aim pogim ba* (the zealous have the right to take the law into their own hands) also cannot serve as model for leadership on any large scale. It must be remembered that despite the Covenant of Peace he is awarded, he was not a candidate for leadership after Moses. His action is a unique response in a specific situation; it must not be construed as legitimate Jewish policy!

And our Sages record that if an individual queries the Jewish court as to whether to commit such a zealous act, the response must be negative! What Phinehas did, while necessary at the time, dare not be seen as a precedent for Jewish history. He swept past the basic pillars of due process: warning, witnesses, testimony, interrogation - without which no just society can survive. Of course Phinehas is a genuine servant of God, but if it is the role of the teacher to instruct, then Phinehas can never be called a teacher.

And according to one view in the Jerusalem Talmud, even when he did what he did, the Sages were displeased.

When it comes to the foundation of Jewish communal and personal life there is only one person to turn to - Moshe Rabeinu. Moses is the leader and prophet who both extols and exhorts his nation, establishes divine standards by which Israel must measure itself (compassion, tolerance and truth), and lays the foundation for a judicial system based on due process.

If we think of Balaam, Phinehas and Moses as points in a triangle, Balaam and Phinehas are opposite forces, the deviousness of Balaam necessitating the zealousness of Phinehas. But the force in the center, the teacher of us all, for all occasions and for all time, can only be Moshe Rabeinu. *Shabbat Shalom*



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a problem that does indeed go away. It is also easy for Europeans to argue - even with the IRA, the Basque ETA, and other such groups - that terrorism is a problem that happens to other people.

Modern political leaders are known for neither their altruism nor their attention span. And except very occasionally - as at the peak of air-peace hijackings in the 1970s - does the problem reach a high enough intensity to force limited action.

Moreover, action requires risk. To launch a military mission to rescue hostages or punish terrorists can bring disaster, including heavy losses and civilian casualties.

The politician giving the order may more likely end up a scapegoat than a hero. It is easy to argue that any actions undertaken won't work.

Of course, terrorism is far harder for the US to ignore both because it is the West's superpower and because it is the main target after Israel for Middle Eastern terrorism.

The US Congress has passed strong legislation to press the sponsors of terrorism and to make it harder for these groups to operate within its boundaries.

"To defuse or to defeat? The as yet unresolved basic argument about how to respond to terrorism is whether its causes should be defused by economic and diplomatic compromises, or whether those responsible must be defeated by force and pressure.

Prime Minister Netanyahu is a leading advocate of the "defeat" school, as can be seen by the titles of his books: Fighting Terror and The West Can Win.

His assumption is terrorists and their backers will not stop criminal acts voluntarily, they can only be forced to desist. This approach makes sense in dealing with those engaging in terrorism whose demands cannot possibly be met, short of the victim's committing suicide. Such is the case with Hamas and Hizbullah now, and with the PLO as long as its goal was Israel's destruction.

Many in the West - who minimize the terrorists' demands or rationalize their behavior as the understandable response of suffering people - fail to understand this aspect of the problem.

But only those who are direct targets of the violence are likely to endorse and implement military

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counter-attacks. The US policy of unilateral sanctions against Iran plus, with UN backing, internationally mandated sanctions against Iraq and Libya, is another version of this strategy of defeating the terrorists and their sponsors. This is a two-track policy: Weakening the regimes advocating terrorism, makes them less able to launch or escalate attacks. Punishing these governments may persuade them to reduce such activity.

Yet despite the interests and ideologies which make people commit terrorism, defusing the causes can also be a viable part of the strategy.

The Israel-PLO agreement, for example, instantly transformed perhaps 80 percent of those Palestinians previously engaged in terrorism. A strategy of improving economic conditions in the areas will not alter the thinking of Hamas leaders, but it would reduce their base of support.

Israel's last election was mainly fought between Netanyahu's view - that terrorism was caused by eternal Arab opposition to Israel and could only be fought - and Shimon Peres's concept that a new political framework would reduce and deter Palestinian terrorism.

Both sides agreed, however, that only a tough line toward Iran or Iraq would yield any results. Short of an Israel-Lebanon peace agreement, the same view applied to Hizbullah. No doubt, Israel will continue to try to defuse and defuse terrorism. Unfortunately, it can expect little international help in this struggle, especially from Europe.

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container was not packed with Iranian gherkins and pickled garlic, as its manifest declared.

Rather, Shojaleem was a senior member of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, of which Jirofi Food Industries is an affiliate, and about one-quarter of the container was packed with a specially designed high-caliber mortar launcher, along with delayed-action mortar shells.

The container that was handed over to Hossein Daneshmand, the Bandar Abbas representative of the Teheran-based Hamle-Verdad shipping company, was intended to be unloaded at Quay No. 64 in Stade and destined for delivery to an Iranian-owned company in Munich.

Unexpectedly, however, the container was unloaded at the Kolahdoz's first port of call, Antwerp, and by the time the vessel reached Stade, suspicious German police from Hamburg who had boarded the vessel discovered the container was missing.

They were left to question two Iranians on board, both of whom, it transpired, were members of Iran's intelligence apparatus.

However, the container had by now aroused the suspicion of the Belgian authorities, who searched it and swiftly discovered its lethal contents.

According to the district attorney's office in Antwerp, it contained a massive mortar shell and

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The launcher had a range of 700 meters and it was equipped with a time fuse that was designed to trigger a mid-air explosion which would have the effect of destroying everything within a 650-meter range through shock waves and shrapnel.

The intended target, however, is thought to be in neither Germany nor Belgium, but in Paris, about three hours' drive from Antwerp.

The nature of the weapon and the potential size of the explosive has led to speculation that the intended victim lives in a well-fortified, secluded residence that has proved impervious to previous attempts at penetration by Iranian killers posing as dissidents.

A prime candidate for the abortive assassination plot was Maryam Rajavi, the Paris-based leader of the militant Iranian National Council of Resistance, whose following - in Britain alone - can be measured by the audience of some 25,000 followers she attracted when she delivered an address in London last week.

IRANIAN dissidents insist that an understanding of the doctrine of Velayat-e-Faghih - guardianship of religious jurisprudence - is an essential prerequisite to fathoming the obsessive, cruel and ruthless determination of the Iranian regime.

This doctrine applies to Iran's pursuit of its own dissidents abroad as well as to its aid for such organizations as Hizbullah,

Hamas, Islamic Jihad and extreme Palestinian nationalists, particularly the pro-Syrian Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, which is widely thought to be implicated in the Lockerbie bombing of Pan Am flight 102 in December 1988.

It is a doctrine, Iranian dissidents sources told the Jerusalem Post, that underpins the Islamic Republic and its rulers, who believe they are divinely inspired and guided and therefore above all earthly rules.

Basing themselves on Divine authority, the rulers of Iran believe that any act they perform, sanction or condone - involving conventional or non-conventional weapons - is a manifestation of God's will and, therefore, justified.

Hassan Roohani, secretary of the Supreme Security Council, scorned international law and conventional views of human rights recently when he declared that Iran would not hesitate to destroy its opponents' centers of activity and assembly abroad.

Nor is that a personal opinion, say the dissidents: It is the logist-

cal conclusion of the doctrine of Velayat-e-Faghih, which underpins the Iranian regime.

WHILE the US is taking an increasingly tough line against Iran, the 15-member European Union is persisting in its policy of "critical dialogue," a somewhat crude patina to cover lucrative commercial links with Teheran.

Now a crack may be developing in this seamless approach: Britain, stung by the consistent refusal of the Iranian regime to lift the fatwa against British author Salman Rushdie for his alleged heresy in The Satanic Verses, appears ready to abandon the "critical dialogue."

One clue to this new departure is the report by the British Parliamentary Human Rights Group, which concludes that the critical dialogue "has manifestly failed to produce any improvement" and insists that "the international community must now take firm and decisive action against Iranian terrorism, as they have done against Libya on far less evidence."

In unusually forthright language, it declares that "the violations of human rights in Iran may be no worse than in a number of other countries which have been ruled by criminal psychopaths in recent times, but the murders are unique in the scale and extent of their operations overseas."

Specifically, the report advocates that:

- * Iranian embassies should be downsized "to reduce the opportunities for infiltration of terrorists under the guise of diplomatic representation."
- * Parliamentary and cultural exchanges should be suspended.
- * No new loans should be negotiated by financial institutions.
- * No further talks should be held on rescheduling Iranian debts.
- * The European Union and the US should discuss the tightening of bans on technology transfers to Iran, while Western investment should be discouraged.

"The world must coordinate action to remove the clerical criminals from government," adds the report. "It cannot, it dare not, allow a terrorist state to operate with impunity."



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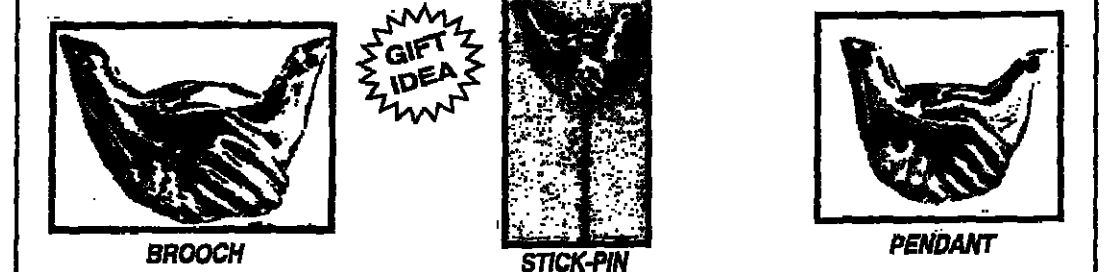
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PASTIMES

Fischer's latest move

Upset in US team trials

BRIDGE

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer
North-South vulnerable

North (Rosenberg)
♠ K 8 5 2
♥ J 9 6
♦ A K J 10
♣ Q 7

West (Goldfein) East (Robbins)
♠ A 10 7 6 ♠ J 9 3
♥ 5 3 2 ♥ 10 8 7 4
♦ 9 5 2 ♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ A J 2 ♣ 6 4

South (Zia)
♠ Q 4
♥ A K Q
♦ Q 8
♣ K 10 9 8 5 3

South West North East
1 ♠ pass 1 ♠ pass
2 ♠ pass 2 ♠ pass
2 NT pass 3 NT pass
4 NT pass 5 NT pass
6 ♠ double 6 NT pass
pass double (all pass)

match, they knocked off the powerful squad of Russ Ekeblad, Ron Sukoneck, Robert Levin, Peter Weichsel, Ron Rubin and Mike Becker. In the semifinals, they defeated the No. 1 seed, the hottest team in bridge: Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff. Despite that win, the Chicago team was the heavy underdog in the final.

Once again, however, the Chicago team played steadily, taking advantage of nearly every slip by their opponents. The breakthrough came Saturday night when the Chicago team stunned the favorites, outscoring them by 62 IMPs in 15 deals.

There is a saying that matches are lost, not won, and this to some degree was the case, as exemplified in this week's deal, which comes from the tragic fourth set for the Zia team. At one table, West opened the South hand one notrump and quickly found himself in three notrump. West led a low spade and declarer made 10 tricks for plus 630. At the other table, Rosenberg and Zia conducted a strange auction for the VaGraph spectators.

Zia, sitting South, opened one club and rebid two clubs. When Rosenberg bid diamonds and spades, Zia bid notrump and Rosenberg placed the contract in game. But Zia was afraid he hadn't shown his full strength. So he bid four notrump over three notrump to invite slam. Rosenberg, with what looked like an important club honor to fill in his partner's suit (he expected Zia to hold a stronger club suit), bid five notrump, asking Zia to pick a slam.

Zia surprised Rosenberg with a six-diamond call (Zia thought his partner might have a strong five-card diamond suit) and Goldfein, sitting West, surprised everybody with a double (after all, he had two aces). When the smoke cleared, the famous New York partnership was in six notrump doubled, and Goldfein wasted no time cashing his two aces for a score of plus 200 to East-West. Plus 200 at this table and plus 630 at the other table meant 13 IMPs to the eventual winners.

The losers were good sports and could only congratulate their opponents afterwards. "They played fantastically well," said Zia. "They outbid us, they outplayed us and they outdefended us. Other than that, we did fine."



The oleander blooms in Israel for up to 10 months of the year. (Karen Bezzani)

A deadly beauty: The oleander

NATURE
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

ACCORDING to the Talmud, we should never seat guests under an oleander tree. The fact that the oleander is a poisonous plant was well-known to the Sages. Indeed, despite its great beauty, the Sages pointed out that the oleander could not be described as "goodly" due to its being poisonous.

The oleander (*Nerium oleander* in Latin, *harduf* in Hebrew) is one of the country's most beautiful wild shrubs. Its dark, pointed leaves are green all year and it's in blossom for a good nine or 10 months a year with large amounts of beautiful flowers that are white, pink or mauve. It grows along the banks of rivers and streams and is popular as an ornamental.

If pruned from the sapling stage it makes a most impressive flowering tree although it takes a couple of decades or more to produce such a tree. Some of the most beautiful such trees in the country are in the courtyard of the Ratisbonne Monastery in Jerusalem.

Whereas the French often prune the oleander to make a tree, here in Israel it is usually kept as a flowering shrub.

All parts of the plant contain an alkaloid poison called oleandrin, which causes irritations of the skin and eyes when the juice contacts them. And there have been cases of people who became ill after using the green wood of an oleander for a campfire and inhaling the smoke. Ingested, it can cause serious, even fatal poison-

ing but such cases almost never happen since the plant has a bitter, burning taste and even hungry goats and camels that will eat almost anything avoid it.

One of the few cases on record of oleander poisoning occurred in California in the 1950s when a woman who was cooking grilled meat in her garden found that she did not have enough skewers. She cut some twigs from an oleander, peeled them and used them for skewers. The fire caused the juice to boil out into the highly seasoned meat and three guests were seriously poisoned.

A number of people worry about planting oleanders where there are children. Their concern is unnecessary. Children don't seem to be interested in chewing on something that tastes so awful. At worst, a child might get a skin irritation from handling broken twigs and crushed leaves.

In any case, to eliminate all poisonous plants from areas where children play would mean getting rid of the cyclamen (*rakafot* in Hebrew), buttercups (*nuriot*), most flowering hedges and at least a third of the ornamental plants around us. Most poisonous plants give their own warning by having a bitter or burning taste.

An exception is the stones of ordinary apricots. Mistaking them for almonds, children sometimes crack them, eat the meat and get poisoned by the cyanide they contain. But for the most part, and certainly in the case of the beautiful oleander, there's really nothing to worry about.

CHESS
NICK KOPALOFF

In a superb article entitled "Is Bobby Fischer a Criminal?" American GM turned columnist Larry Evans questioned the indictment of Bobby Fischer by a federal jury in December last year for committing the crime of playing chess for money in embargoed Yugoslavia.

The subject is obviously close to Evans' heart: By participating in the Capablanca Memorial tournament in 1964, in defiance of a State Department ban on Cuba, he enraged American right-wingers. And 17 years later, Evans angered the left by lecturing on chess in South Africa.

Evans concludes that Fischer may not be someone whose hand you would shake, but he is no criminal.

Never one to shy away from controversy, Fischer recently startled the chess world by launching Fischerandom, the first modification of the rules of chess in 500 years.

Describing traditional chess as "a fraud," Fischer believes that "the very big problem with classical chess is that, since both players know the starting position, it is the easiest game score in the world... to pre-arrange." Fischerandom is based on the random alignment of pieces on the back row of the chessboard, offering 960 possible starting variations.

The first Fischerandom championship will be contested in Buenos Aires between Philippine GM Eugene Torre and Argentinian champion Pablo Ricardi starting July 12.

Fischer hopes the introduction of Fischerandom chess will bring back the challenge it offered before the computer age.

Spasky, Boris - Fischer, Robert
World Championship
Reykjavik 1972
Benoni

Ld4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nd2 Nbd7 8.e4 Bg7 9.Be2. A more promising continuation... For Spasky might have been 9.Nc4 Nb6 10.Ne3!

9...0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Qe2? 11...Nh5! In a rather verbose commentary on this move, Cary Uterberg, in his *Dynamics of Chess Psychology*, notes: "Fischer invents a struggle for the establishment of a principal strategic reality: a redefined kingside pawn structure. A move of this sort is bound to be rejected by an existential understanding that accepts the situ-



Bobby Fischer (right) and Boris Spassky square off at the 1972 World Chess Championship. (Chester Fox)

ation as given, and is simultaneously most readily discovered by a mind that perceives every situation as a personal struggle in an ever-changing game."

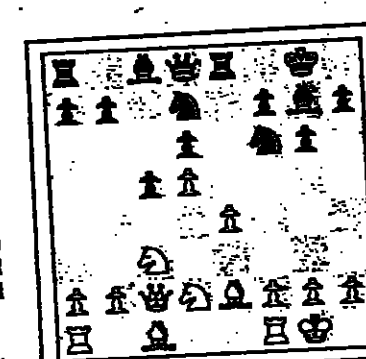


DIAGRAM 1
after White's 11th move

12.Bxh5 gxh5 13.Nc4 Ne5 14.Ne3 Qh4! 15.Bd2 Ng4 16.Nxg4 hxg4 17.Bf4 Qf6! 18.g3?, creating an irreparable kingside weakness. Better was 18.Bg3

18...Bd7 19.a4 b6 20.Rf1 a6 21.Re2 b5 22.Ra1 Qg6 23.h3 Re7 24.Qd3 Rb8 25.axb5 axb5 26.b4 c4 27.Qd2 Rb8 28.Re3 h5 29.R3e2 Kh7 30.Re3 Kg8 31.R3e2 Bxc3 32.Qxc3 Rxc4 33.Rxc4 Rxc4 34.Rxc4 Qxc4 35.Bh6 Qg6 36.Be1 Qb1 37.Kf1 38.Kf2 Qe4+ 39.Qe3 Qe4+ 40.Qd2 Qb3 41.Qd4? 41...Ke1 would have left

Fischer hard-pressed. Bd3! 0-1

FISCHER'S ingenuity is highlighted in the following position from his 1970 encounter against Schweber in Buenos Aires. Within just two moves Fischer establishes an overpowering superiority. But the spotting of those first two moves may be beyond the average chess player's imagination. White to play and win.

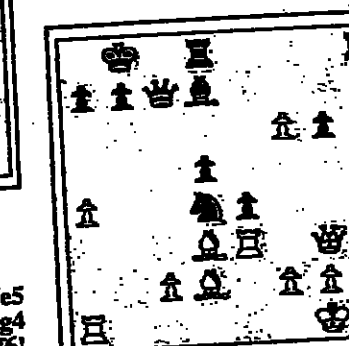


DIAGRAM 2

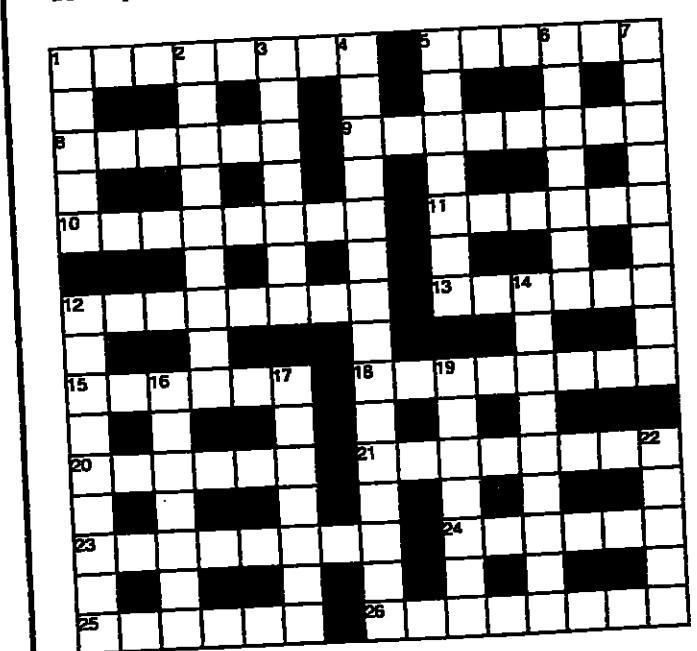
Solution: 1.Rxe4!! Qxg3 1...dxe4 loses immediately to the Queen pin 2.Bf4 2.Rxd4!! and the subtle encircling combination is complete. The Black queen is trapped and must be surrendered with a worst endgame for White. For example 2...Qg4 3.Rxg4 Bxg4 4.Bxg6 Rhg6 5.Bh7 Rb8 6.Bd3 Rdb8 7.f7 Re7 8.f8-Q+ Rxf8 9.Bb4 1-0

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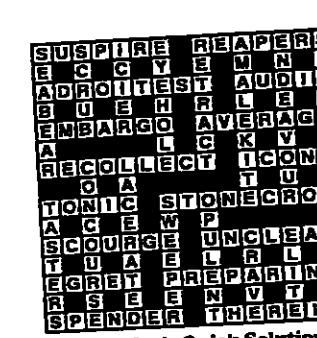
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- Cruel, not happy with one's twich (8)
 - Distinguishing mark of a revolutionary in court (6)
 - Strong hard-working person from an old city (6)
 - Part of book removed by surgeon (8)
 - According to Greek character, no good initially being balanced on a narrow footing (8)
 - Paddled without getting one's feet wet? (6)
 - Spoke ill of Glenda, I'm confused (8)
 - It's a problem for one who irritates playfully (6)
 - Start with a meal out (6)
 - Lady's happy event (8)
 - Taking evasive action to reduce friction (6)
 - He goes in to wait when all is said and done (2,3,3)
 - Chaps curse suits? (8)
 - Prime time for making dried grass, it's said (6)
 - Infer that French duke is in the river (6)
 - Became unhappy when dead-ends removed (8)
- DOWN
- Established one was winning at tennis (3,2)
 - Jab for large number in aircraft I get on (9)
 - One isn't developing mental strain (7)
 - Diplomatic caretaker? (6-9)
 - Feline imitator (7)
 - Ghastly hues I do find repulsive (7)
 - Stuffing removed from my red taxi (9)
 - Medal from revolution is in bad shape (9)
 - Cheery apt construction of the original model (9)
 - Without inner surface material is young-looking (7)
 - Cleanliness of call-girl reported (7)
 - Left at church with Edward with the door fastened (7)
 - Nymph not drinking these days (5)

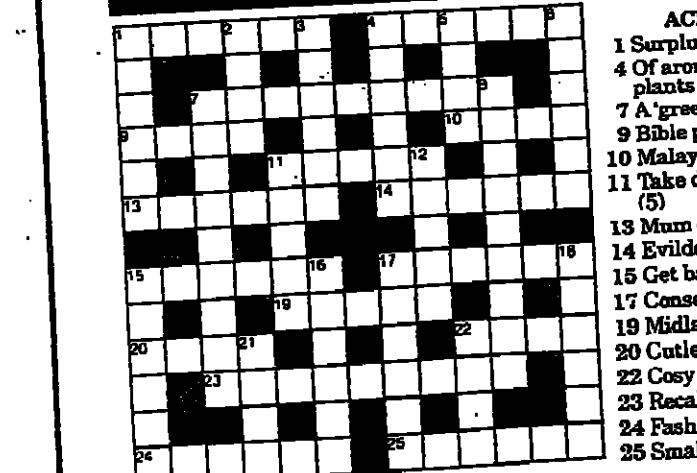


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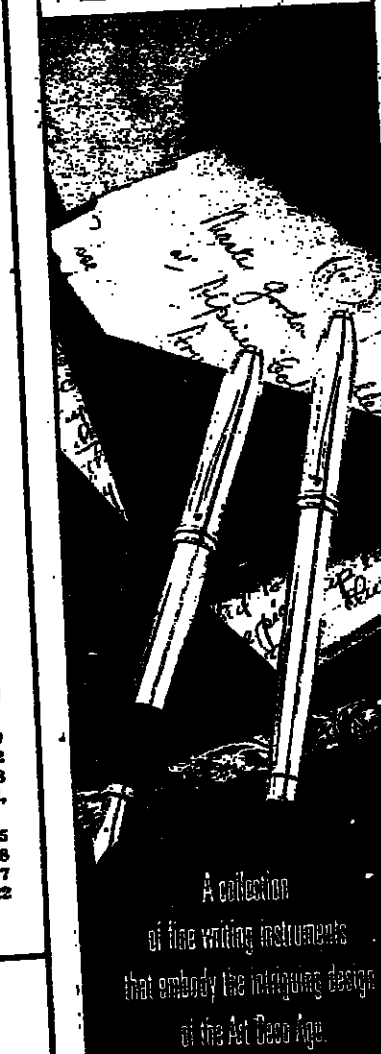
Yesterday's Quick Solutions
ACROSS: 1 Belly, 4 Decamp, 9 Narrate, 10 Treat, 11 Ever, 12 Upright, 13 See, 14 Crit, 16 Late, 18 Reply, 20 Adverse, 21 Marc, 24 Canal, 25 Leopard, 26 Treads, 27 Estate.
DOWN: 1 Bladder, 2 Large, 3 Year, 5 Entirely, 6 Amalgam, 7 Felicit, 8 Venture, 13 Startled, 15 Ravenna, 17 Fesset, 18 Reply, 19 Vendor, 22 Exact, 23 Rove.

QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- Surplus (6)
 - Of aromatic plants (6)
 - 'A' green (9)
 - Bible passage (4)
 - Malay dagger (4)
 - Take down tackle (5)
 - Mum or Dad (6)
 - Evildoer (6)
 - Get back (6)
 - Consecrate (6)
 - Midlands river (5)
 - Outlet (4)
 - Cosy (4)
 - Recall (9)
 - Fashionable (6)
 - Small hollow (6)
- DOWN
- Repressed (4,2)
 - Truth (4)
 - Latent (anag) (6)
 - Scottish dish (6)
 - Endanger (4)
 - Slacker (6)
 - Fan (9)
 - Fleeting (9)
 - Unabridged (5)
 - Ogre (5)
 - Withdraw (6)
 - Abbey (6)
 - Fished (6)
 - Bar-shaped button (6)
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Diagnosing plant diseases

COLOR changes in leaves are a sign that something is very wrong with the nutrition of the plant. If the condition is not corrected, death may result. Chlorosis and necrosis are terms used to describe these color changes, and though they sound much alike, they are quite different conditions.

Chlorosis is the yellowing of plant parts and signals a problem of normal growth. When the stems and leaves become yellow (chlorotic), it means that the chlorophyll, the green pigment in the plant which is responsible for growth, is either being destroyed or is not being formed at all. Chlorophyll captures the energy of the sun, which is used in the process of photosynthesis to produce food for the plant.

What is actually happening is that a normally occurring yellow pigment becomes visible in the absence of the green color. The yellowing plant then grows poorly because it doesn't have enough food.

Chlorosis may be caused by disease, insects, low light, root problems, or inability of the plant to take up nutrients from the soil due to an unfavorable pH. It can also be caused by excess of fertilizer, severe air pollution, or stress caused by drought or oversaturated soil. In our lime-saturated soil, it is often lack of iron that is the cause. Chlorosis is often temporary, and when the condition is corrected the leaves become green again and the plant resumes its normal growth. Sometimes the condition has progressed to a state where it is too late and the plant withers and dies.

A more serious condition is necrosis. It results when the normal functioning of the plant stops and parts of the plant die. You may see brown or black spots on parts of the plant, or entire leaves may fall off. The stem may wither, and the entire plant may collapse. Necrosis has many of the same basic causes as chlorosis. In my experience this happens very often in potted plants which have been over-watered or overfertilized by inexperienced gardeners who love their houseplants too much.

Unlike chlorosis, it is not reversible. Black or brown parts of a plant will not recover and are best discarded before they begin to rot and bring fungus diseases to the remainder of the plant. If the roots have begun to die, discard the plant and do not reuse the soil.

A little yellowing of leaves during the growing season is normal, so do not be upset right away. In deciduous trees that stop producing chlorophyll in the cooler weather of autumn in North America (such as beeches and maples) the leaves turn yellow and red as the chlorophyll drains away. However, if yellowing or dieback of plant parts continues at a time of year when the plant should normally be growing vigorously, begin to investigate possible causes before the plant is in real trouble and may not survive.

A READER ASKS: How many kinds of fennel are there? Are they all edible?

There are three edible fennel plants. Common fennel is grown as a herb and is prized for its seeds and leaves in sauces, breads, tea, cookies and salads. The stalks of Sicilian fennel, which is cultivated mostly in Italy, are usually eaten raw in salads. In our markets you will often find Florence fennel, with its thick stalks and bulbous, celery-like base. It can be chopped for salads, braised, stir-fried, or steamed. All have a sweet, aniseed-type flavor.

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Florida's 'age of simulation'

Key West World is the US's latest synthetic re-creation of reality

FROM Orlando, Florida, where reality is just another design concept, comes the latest, most ambitious forgery of all: Key West World.

On five acres (20 dunams) at the Sea World theme and marine park, a highly skilled team of designers is nearing completion of its very own version of a simulated, romanticized Key West, a "lush and vibrant landscape" that will be the promotional materials promise — "showcase all the wild excitement, island beauty and funky, tropical charm of the continental US's southernmost city, minus the laid-back debauchery associated with the real Key West, a seven-hour, 600 km. drive south.

Yet to the scholars and critics who seek to understand the political and social meaning of the American landscape, the new Key West, with its non-alcoholic margaritas, represents not just another new tourist attraction in Orlando, but one of the most powerful trends in the US: the creation of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of "themed, Disneyfied environments."

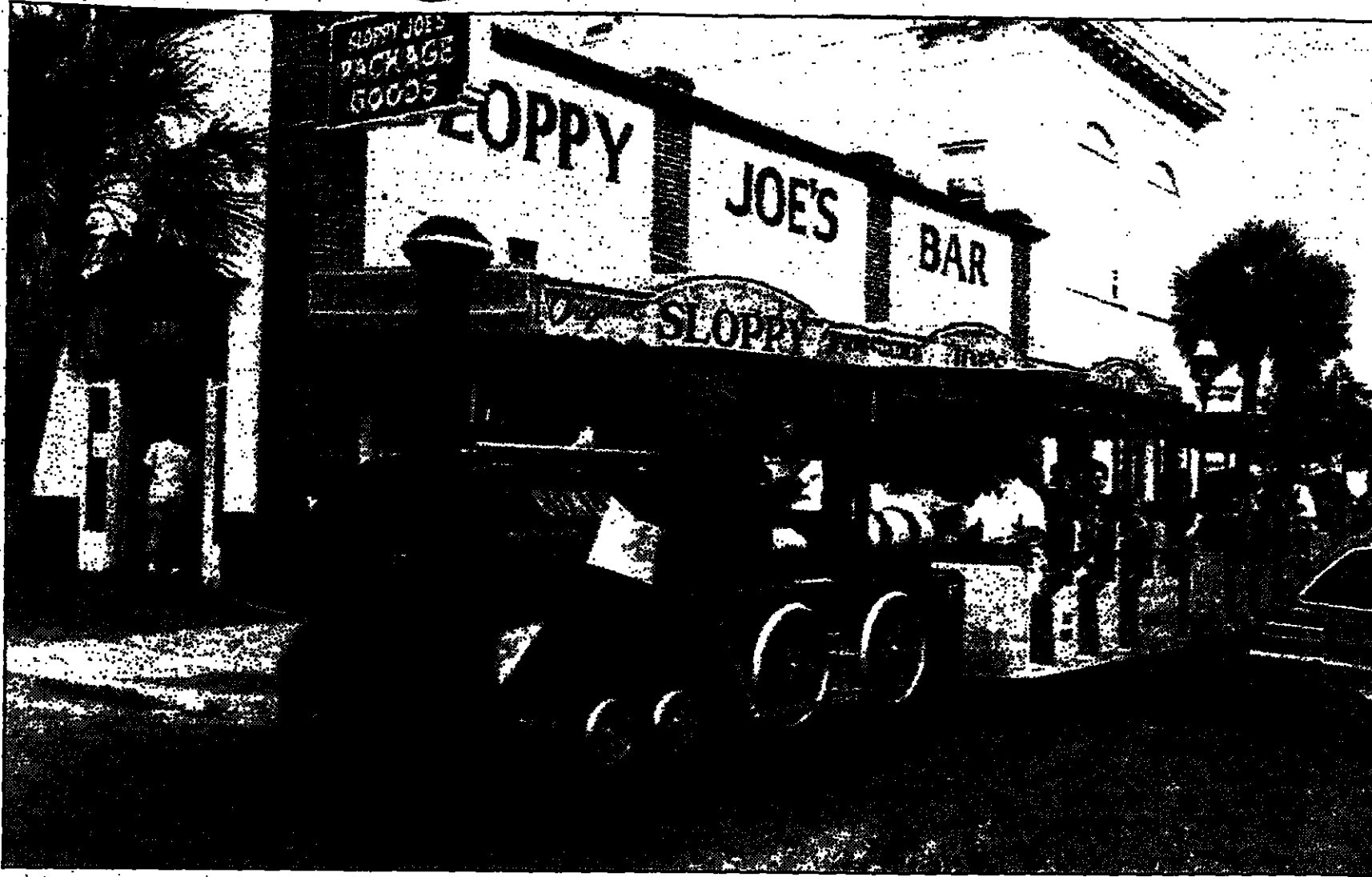
"I think that theming, as it is often called, is the largest, most notable trend in architecture today," said Margaret Crawford, the chair of history and theory at the Southern California Institute of Architecture in Los Angeles.

Crawford and her colleagues point to the creation of streams and forests within malls and hotel atriums; to office buildings towering above the preserved facades of old three-story brownstones; to all manner of replications of Old West towns and Mexican haciendas in regional airports.

"The fake is replacing the real everywhere, and it is not just at theme parks," Crawford said. "The artificial environment is ubiquitous because everyone knows the fake is better than the real."

Three years ago, when MCA Development Co., a subsidiary of the giant entertainment company, opened CityWalk, a \$100 million re-creation of raffish southern California locations such as Hollywood Boulevard and Venice Beach, but built within the grounds of Universal Studios' theme park in the San Fernando Valley, a company official called it "idealized reality."

Crawford and many of her colleagues believe that Americans are living in what the French sociologist philosopher Jean Baudrillard calls the "age of absolute simulation," where the lines between the authentic and the



Back at the real Key West, Disney-like tour trains roam the streets, which leads to the question: Have theme parks copied Key West or has Key West copied theme parks?

recreated are blurring at a dizzy rate, and where, for instance, those born in the "post-mall world" view the artfully recreated "village squares" and rebuilt "historic downtowns" as the real thing, when in fact they never existed in their present, pristine form.

Nowhere is the simulated environment so much a part of "life," as in Orlando, where tollways are lined with billboards touting 66 theme attractions, which draw 25 million leisure visitors a year to the region of 1.2 million inhabitants and 84,327 motel rooms. The amount of money spent, according to the region's visitor and convention bureau, is currently incalculable.

There are the Rain Forest Cafe, and "African safaris" with real elephants; the China theme park, with its miniature version of the Great Wall; Mayan temples and Egyptian pyramids. Scaled-down replicas of Paris, Rome, and New York City are featured at Disney World and Universal Studios. And rides and

exhibits pertaining to *Baywatch*, *King Kong*, and *The Twilight Zone* can be found at other parks.

THE CREATORS of Key West World at Sea World think they are just building another pleasant attraction. But it is clear that the age of simulation is already flourishing at the new tourist attraction.

"I think Key West is fun," said Art Freeman, Sea World's vice president of entertainment. "We are not copying Key West. We are romanticizing it." In their re-creation, Freeman and his fellow designers sought out icons associated with the real Key West, which itself is quickly gentrifying as "Conches," the longtime residents, move out and their houses are converted into quaint inns.

And so Key West World will have "dolphin lagoons" with coral reefs made of fiberglass-pigmented concrete. These simulations will resemble the actual coral reefs slowly dying in the real Florida

Keys.

There will be "sandy beaches" washed by mechanically created waves revealing hidden plastic shells in a rocky grotto filled with fake rocks. "Real rock doesn't have as much character as the molds," explained Frank Murru, Sea World's general curator.

As for island tunes, the park is creating something it calls "Florida jazz," which is a melding of Jimmy Buffet, Louis Armstrong and Louis Prima. (Buffet himself is into simulation with his chain of Margaritaville restaurants.) Freeman admits that there is "a certain decadence you don't want to [replicate]" from the real Key West, which is home — though less so each year — to all manner of free-livers, boat bums, drug traffickers, Bahamians, bohemians and blocks of saloons, many of them simulated "Old Key West" hangouts, on the famously bawdy Duval Street. In its heyday, and still today, the city has been home to a flourishing and visible homo-

sexual population.

The ersatz Key West will have its own version of Duval, painted in teal tones with tin roofs and palms, and a big gift shop selling Key West memorabilia.

Even the critics of such simulated environments praise the awesome workmanship and skill of the attraction, which was due to be opened on Memorial Day weekend in May. The "coral" looks alive. The "rocks" do look better than the real thing. The dolphins will squeak and leap, and the sting rays will eat shrimp out of children's hands.

"We've gotten a little grief," Murru confessed. "But we're not trying to duplicate the Keys. This is good for them and good for us." The denizens and marketers of the real Key West also depend almost entirely on tourism for their livelihood. Key West officials have said they hope the attraction will help entice more people to visit their island.

(Washington Post)

Theme parks: pulling the wool over our eyes

ARCHITECTURAL theorists insist that simulated environments, in all their forms, are highly politicized places that say something about who we are.

Margaret Crawford, of the Southern California Institute of Architecture, notes that the trend harks back to the dawn of the Industrial Age in the early 1800s, when wealthy English landholders, dismayed at the ugliness of their newly coal-based economies, started "the picturesque tradition," building simulated quaint villages on their properties, complete with cows as "landscape elements."

Neil Smith, a geographer at Rutgers University, believes that today's simulated environments seek to exclude homosexuals, immigrants, minorities and working people, to hide them behind a pretty sand dune or a teal-colored tropical facade.

Many scholars talk of the growing importance of the "enclave" of the walls around these spaces that seem to signal not only a price of admission (Sea World costs \$39.95 per adult), but also exclusion.

Architect and critic Michael Sorkin, in his introduction to the book *Variations on a Theme Park*, describes these types of spaces as obsessed with security, designed not only to rub away the grit of real cities, but also to mass-market merchandise.

"The theme park presents its happy regulated vision of pleasure — all those artfully hoodwinking forms — as a substitute for the democratic public realm, and it does so appealingly by stripping troubled urbanity of its sting, of the presence of the poor, of crime, of dirt, of work," Sorkin writes. "In the 'public' spaces of the theme park or the shopping mall, speech itself is restricted; there are no demonstrations in Disneyland. The effort to reclaim the city is the struggle of democracy itself."

All this may be lost on the visitor to Key West World who is petting sting rays and munching conch fritters in a pretty, safe, fun attraction. Sorkin and his colleagues say that is the point.

(Washington Post)

Where Gideon tested his men

SEE IT HERE
HAIM SHAPIRO

IT is not often that a visitor can gain a real understanding of a biblical account by visiting the site at which it took place, but that is exactly what you can do at Ma'ayan Harod.

The national park, built around a spring in the foothills of Mt. Gilboa, is the site of the episode in which Gideon cut back on the number of his soldiers when he faced the Midianites, nomadic marauders from east of the Jordan.

According to the account in Judges 7, a force of over 30,000 answered the call to arms, but God told Gideon that he should send home any who were afraid. At this point, 22,000 left, but still God said that there were too many.

It was then that God told Gideon to have all the remaining men drink at the spring. All who lapped up the water like dogs were to remain, while those who knelt and took up the water in their hands were to be sent home. Only 300 were left in the remaining force.

One can easily visualize the would-be soldiers crowding into the crevice from which the spring emerges, and see them gathering on the stone ledge which surrounds the small pool of fresh water. Then, one can turn around and imagine the Midianites camped on the plain below the spring, and see the small army waiting above for nightfall, with the shofar, torches and empty jugs with which they were to

surprise the enemy.

It was also in this area that Orde Wingate, the British officer who organized the force which was to become the Palmah, was active. Wingate, a devout Protestant, derived much of his inspiration and his military philosophy from the Bible. In fact, the use of a small select force to carry out a surprise attack is still a favorite tactic of the IDF.

The area was also the scene of other battles, between the Crusaders and the Moslems in the 12th century. And it was the place where the Mamelukes defeated the Mongol invaders in 1260.

One can see the home of Eliahu Hankin, who was involved in buying what was then a swamp from the Arabs in the early part of this century. Also visible is the elaborate tomb of Hankin and his wife, Olga.

The present park has extensive lawns, forested areas, a swimming pool with dressing rooms and a restaurant. There is a youth hostel nearby and it is possible to camp here from April through September.

It is perhaps unfair to be critical of what is quite a beautiful site, but I can't help feeling that the park is just a bit too well-organized. The lawns are too neat and the swimming pool too much like that of a kibbutz or a hotel. All that can't help but detract a bit from the feeling that we are standing where Gideon tested his men.

Parents, hide this from your kids: Teen airfare specials are here

SUMMER IS the time for the young and the market is virtually flooded with attractive offers. During July, El Al is offering those aged between 17 and 23 a fare of \$369 to Amsterdam, Athens, Geneva, Vienna, Munich, Zurich, and Rome, and \$399 to London, Paris, and Milan. Ajlunia is matching El Al on the fare to most destinations and Lufthansa is matching it on the fare to Munich.

Ista is offering comparable fares as well as a series of two-night getaways for young people. The prices are \$350 for Athens, Rome, \$369, and Munich, \$410. Arkia is offering those 19 and under tickets between Eilat and the center of the country for NIS 96 each way. Reservations must be made after 7 p.m. of the day preceding the flight.

Lufthansa has also reduced many of its adult round-trip fares, including those to Leipzig, Cologne, Düsseldorf, St. Petersburg, Riga, Moscow, and Minsk, which are now \$730. Flights to Geneva, Vienna, Amsterdam, Oslo, Paris, London, Turin, Bologna, and Milan (via Munich), are all \$399. The airline has also lowered its add-on fare for business-class to the Far East.

TRAVEL TIPS
HAIM SHAPIRO

EL AL passengers can avoid hassles with early check-in. In Tel Aviv, the service is adjacent to the central railway station and functions Sunday through Thursday from noon to 11 p.m., on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Saturday nights from shortly after the end of Shabbat to 11.

In Jerusalem, it is at Center 1 and operates on weekdays from noon to 10 p.m., on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Saturday nights to 11. The Haifa service, at 6 Rehov Hanamel, is open on weekdays from 2 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday nights to 10.

El Al also operates early check-in counters in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn and in Johannesburg.

TRAVELERS SET on seeing Myanmar (Burma) can book a tour through Teinasa Tours. The price, excluding airfare, is \$885 for five days.

FOR THOSE who have been everywhere, and done everything, Air New Zealand is offering a

tour of Antarctica. The price of the 26-day tour, including airfare, from Tel Aviv is \$10,200. The tour leaves on February 17, but demand is said to be high and the number of places limited.

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A diplomatic whodunit

GRAPEVINE
GREER FAY CASHMAN

INVITEES who were not in the know must have been slightly bemused when they received the invitation from British Ambassador David Manning to attend a reception at his Ramat Gan home in honor of author Elizabeth Ironside. There was no mention on the card of his wife Catherine Manning, who usually stands by his side to welcome their guests.

Was she out of town, or worse still, had they had a falling out over author Ironside, with whom the ambassador had a past relationship? Well, it's true that the affair is far from over - but it's equally true that Catherine Manning is quite happy about it, because she is in fact Elizabeth Ironside, the award-winning crime writer of psychological thrillers.

She received the Crime Writers' Association John Creasey first-novel award for *A Very Private Enterprise*, and her highly acclaimed second novel, *Death in the Garden*, was on the shortlist for the 1995 Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger award. Her third book, *The Accomplice*, has just been published and a fourth book is already in the works.

Guests made an eager rush for all three books, and stood patiently in line to have them autographed. Demand for both paperback and hard-cover editions was so high that Steimatzky, which had brought huge stacks of volumes into the Mannings' garden, ran out of supplies. Among the guests were Eri Steimatzky, who had seldom witnessed such brisk business, Leah Rabin, copywriter Rolly King-Kobansky, actress Ariva Marks and Yossi Hadass, former director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

ELEVEN ambassadors from the African continent, several of them in national dress, got together at the Ramat Gan home of South African Ambassador Malcolm Ferguson last Saturday to celebrate Africa Day.

Ferguson, who will soon be winding up his term of duty, remarked that no one would have dreamt five years ago "that we would all be celebrating together today." Refreshments included Ethiopian injira and South African boerwors.

IF ALL else fails, outgoing director of the Foreign Press Association Uri Dromi can always find work as a stand-up comedian. At a reception for him this week hosted by Nicolas Tatro, chairman of the FPA, Dromi said that instead of making a speech, he would talk about the questions he'd been asked since resigning, and the answers he had given.

The most frequent question was how does he feel? Dromi's response: "Mixed feelings - like watching your mother-in-law drive over a cliff in your new car."

Dromi's successor Moshe Fogel was not present, and Dromi was quick to explain that the only reason for his absence was that "he went to the States to prepare for Bibi's family trip."

In a reference to *Jerusalem Post* executive editor David Bar-Ilan, presently on leave at the Prime Minister's Office, where he heads the communications division, Dromi also opined that relations between the press and the PM's office will improve because "you won't only have an ear there, you will also have an eye on the media."

NEW YORK City Councilman Noach Dear has been paving the way for a friendly welcome for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when he arrives in America next week. Dear, who a few days ago met with President Bill Clinton, heard from the latter's own lips that the US will neither pressure nor interfere with the Netanyahu-led government, nor will it make any attempt, vis-a-vis the peace process, to force Netanyahu to follow American policy. Of course, there isn't too much that Clinton can do between now and November. He does have other fish to fry and a few more rumors to scotch.

PEOPLE WALKING along Jerusalem's Pinsker Street last Thursday were surprised to see placards announcing valet parking for the Bronfman party. The occasion was the 65th birthday of Canadian investor and philanthropist Charles Bronfman, who has a home in the capital, and who was in Israel to attend meetings of various institutions and organizations in which he is actively involved.

Pinsker Street is relatively small, and the valet parking was a boon to guests who might otherwise have had to walk a long distance from where they could find available parking space.

PRESENT, FORMER and failed Knesset members from the national camp attended a reception at the home of David and Hael (Amishav) Medved in honor of Pro Israel President Dr. Ernest Bloch whose American-based organization did much to provide funds and other aid to non-parlia-



Catherine Manning did attend the reception hosted by her UK envoy husband, David. (M. Mathis)

mentary groups working to oust the previous administration.

The hostess herself was an unsuccessful candidate in the last elections as was Yossi Ben-Abaron, a former director general of the Prime Minister's Office. Former MKs present included Elyakim Ha'etzni and Yigal Cohen-Orgad, and current MKs were Uzi Landau, Michael Eitan and Benny Elon. Landau, who came early, removed his jacket and tie and got into deep discussions on the dangers of party fragmentation.

Eitan who arrived late and left soon after, apologized that he had to go to the bar mitzva of Ya'acov Menachem Deri, son of Shas leader Aryeh Derand his wife Yaffa (who is heavily pregnant with the next member of the Deri clan). Arik Sharou, who had signified that he would be present, didn't show, but might have been gratified to know how much support he had amongst the Medveds' guests. Having accomplished one major goal, Bloch now aims to help turn the College of Judea and Samaria into the first Israeli university across the Green Line.

FREQUENTLY SEEN as the presenter of religious programs on Israel Television, Dr. David Alexander, speaking at the fashion-show preview of the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO College of Design, assured the public that "I'm standing before you not because of the new kippa administration, but because I'm the director of the college. And I'm happy to tell you that this show is not within the framework of Jerusalem 3000."

The College's patron, Neri Bloomfield, is however involved with Jerusalem 3000, and chairs its Canadian committee which, together with the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, was instrumental in bringing to Israel an exhibition of works by 37 prominent Canadian artists. The exhibition, which opened this week at the capital's International Convention Center, will remain on view for a month.

SHENKAR COLLEGE students and graduates were heartened to learn this week that there will be employment opportunities open to them at Shekhem Galleries throughout the country. Shekhem general manager Amnon Dick, who is himself a Shenkar student, announced on Tuesday at the Shekhem-sponsored annual graduate's fashion show that the best items will be put on display next week at Shekhem Galleries in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. "And that's just the beginning," he promised, indicating that there are good things in store between his company and the college.

GOOD NEIGHBORLY relations seem to be in order. Veteran Likud MK Dan Tichon and newly elected Labor MK Ophir Pines are next-door neighbors in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Ramot, which might explain why Pines voted in favor of Tichon becoming Speaker of the Knesset.

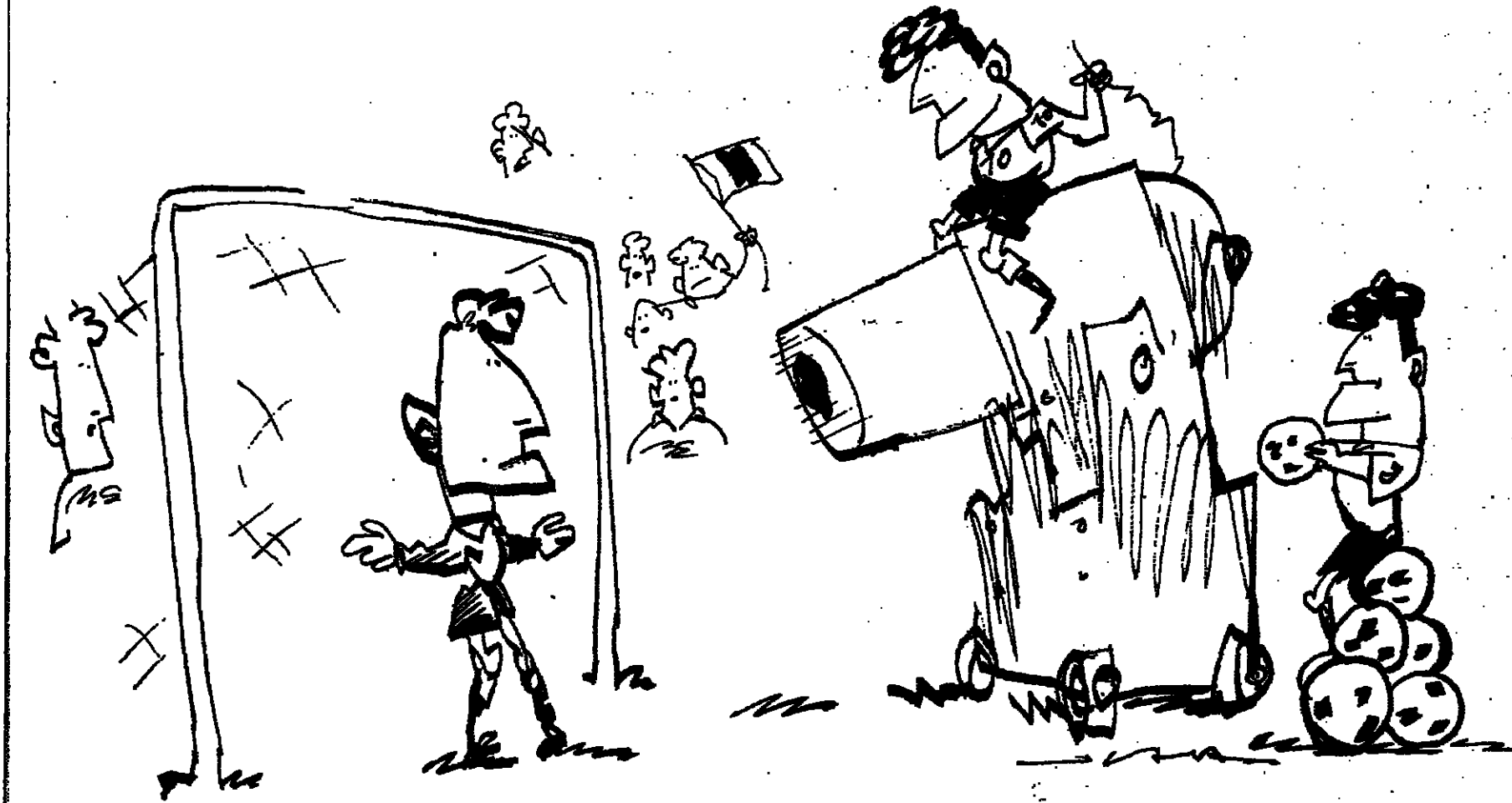
AFTER SEVENTEEN years with Israel Radio, Haim Hecht bade farewell last Friday to loyal listeners and came in, for much kudos from colleagues. "It's only when you're leaving that you discover what a nice guy you are," he quipped.

But in more serious vein, Hecht, who is widely recognized as a great newsman who imbues his professionalism with soul, paid tribute to Israel Radio as "one of the best, if not the best radio station in the world."

Hecht is not disappearing from the broadcasting scene. He is one of the founders of Radio Kol Rega in Galilee, where listeners may get to hear a somewhat different version of *Life According to Hecht*.

ALTHOUGH announcements a year ago of her imminent retirement were slightly premature, veteran ballet teacher Klara Landau-Bondy, after nearly half a century of keeping youngsters on their toes, is finally putting away her ballet slippers and her tush.

Her students this week presented a farewell recital, and Bondy's future concern with ballet will be solely as a member of the audience.



Soccer unites the global village

The world's most popular sport has become a substitute for war, Abraham Rabinovich writes

WHAT the world was witnessing during the past two weeks as it watched groups of grown men chasing a ball up and down the manicured fields of England's soccer stadiums was not simply the Euro '96 soccer tournament. It was, to go by Dr. Oz Almog's analysis, a substitute for World War III.

"Man needs an outlet for aggression," says Almog, who teaches sociology at the Jezreel Valley Community College. "He has a need to succeed, to love, to despise the other, to be spontaneous. Sport is a mechanism that responds to these needs."

If in the 1930s there had been television coverage of international soccer matches, Almog believes, there is a reasonable chance that World War II would not have happened.

That far-reaching conclusion would not seem to be supported by the film clips showing Hitler playing Mein Host at the 1936 Berlin Olympics even as his general staff was drawing up its plans for blitzkrieg.

But that was before television images, bounced off satellites, convened the entire world around a tribal campfire and transfixed it with a drama all could relate to in the same terms simultaneously.

It is this universal element, Almog believes, which gives sport its powerful new dimension as a potential substitute for war. "Worldwide viewing of sports unites millions of people across

borders. They are brought together by sharing the same heroes and the same myths. Sport is one of the most important mechanisms for unity in the modern world."

It is, of course, not the only one. Madonna and McDonald's also symbolize the emerging global village. Youths around the world dance to the same music and see the same TV shows. While the Industrial Revolution created the new religion of nationalism in the 19th century, says Almog, modern communication technologies are helping create a supra-national world with shared rituals and myths.

The common notion that international sports competitions like Euro '96 or the Olympics encourage national rivalries is misleading, says Almog, despite the tongue-in-cheek warmongering of the British tabloid press prior to England's match with Germany last week.

Noting the increasing acquisition by sports clubs of foreign players, Almog predicts that in a decade, the European Cup competition will be a league of teams with mixed nationalities. This, he believes, bears an important subliminal message. In identifying with such teams, sports fans identify with individual players from different ethnic, national and racial backgrounds.

A LESS certain view is held by Prof. Avraham Diskin, who teaches political science at the Hebrew University and has served in the past as a sports commentator on Israel Radio. "I don't know if competitive sport permits fans to sublimate their aggressions or whether it stimulates aggression," he says. Diskin points to the phenomenon of European football hooliganism and the shooting war that once broke out between El Salvador and Honduras over a soccer game.

Almog, however, believes that hooliganism is a social, largely alcohol-driven phenomenon that would have manifested itself in some other fashion had there not been sports competitions: "Hooliganism has nothing to do with soccer except insofar as the game serves as a trigger."

On the other hand, sport provides a legitimate means by which the rest of society can air out a side of its nature that might otherwise be left to fester dangerously in dark corners.

"Spectator sport is a kind of a niche in which society permits its members to behave in a primordial way," says Almog. "You are permitted to shout and scream and behave aggressively. It releases emotions, particularly in developed countries where you are normally expected to be polite and

behave properly." The license to "be oneself" applies particularly to fans of soccer, the most popular sport on earth.

"Unlike, say ice hockey," says Almog, "soccer photographs well on TV. That's why it catches so many people. And it's simple to understand, not like American football."

In addition, the nature of the game, in which long periods of waiting are suddenly punctuated by goals, makes for satisfying catharsis. "In basketball the game flows and the better team is obviously going to win. In soccer, everything happens all of a sudden and there is a possibility that David can conquer Goliath."

CONQUER, INDEED, is the Hebrew word used for scoring a goal, *lichbosh*, but the warlike connection is there too in cultures that use more neutral terms.

"The soccer field is an evolution from the battlefield," says Almog. "It provides the drama and the enthusiasms and the brutality but without the fatal risk. It will reduce aggression between nations and is already creating international solidarity."

Is it not fantasy to expect national loyalties to disappear or even to diminish significantly in favor of some amorphous global

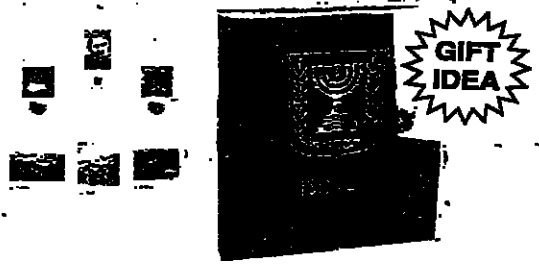
identity? "Nobody believed 100 years ago that a society could live without God," answers Almog. "Well, religion has not disappeared but modern societies have shown they can live without it. There are substitutes. The same with nationalism. You don't have to declare war on it. There is a process under way of changing values and orientations. We are just at the beginning of a new stage. We are building a mechanism that will unify us."

The fact that Hapoel Taiba from the Arab sector has won a place in soccer's National League is an important building block for Jewish-Arab relations in the country, says Almog, despite the unpleasantness still shouted by fans at Arab-Jewish matches. "Now that it will be in front of the camera everyone will condemn it."

However, there appears little likelihood that Betar Jerusalem will take on Hizbullah Hojspur or Dynamo Damascus anytime soon. Diplomats and businessmen may sign agreements between Israel and the Arab world but the seal will only be put on those agreements, Almog feels, by the roar of the soccer crowds.

"One of the reasons the peace process is incomplete," says Almog, "is that it does not include sports relationships. When we have regular tournaments with the Arab world that will signify real peace."

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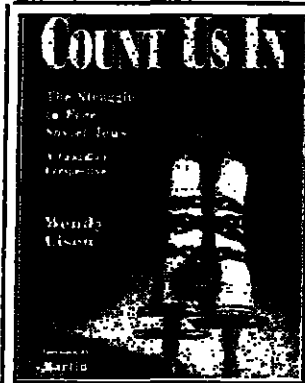
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ON THE AGENDA
AMOTZ ASA-EL

ASKED two months ago to interpret the apparent slowdown in the real estate market, Clal-Israel CEO David Wainshal dismissed off hand the writing on the wall. "Come June," the head of Israel's second largest holding company predicted confidently, "Russia will hold a presidential election, the communists will win, emigration will resume in earnest, housing supply will once again be pressured, and the market will respond accordingly."

Reality, however, was different. Not only did Russia leave Boris Yeltsin at its helm, but the signs of a slowdown in our economy have only multiplied since then.

Still, Wainshal's basic premise—that economic growth in recent years was intertwined with events in the former Soviet Union—was, of course, well founded.

In fact, unlike initial fears and very much in line with a clear pattern during more than a century of Zionist history, this decade's immigration proved not only affordable, but also a major engine for growth.

At least eight major Jewish immigration waves arrived here since the 1880s, and they all induced growth.

The largely Polish wave of the 1920s, for instance, brought new small store owners, who ultimately accelerated retail commerce. The predominantly German wave of the 1930s brought with it capital and skill, without which the War of Independence might not have been won. And the largely Middle Eastern wave of the 1950s was eventually employed by the construction, textile, food

and farming industries, and named hundreds of newly built low-tech assembly lines.

The most recent immigration was blessed with it all its predecessors' merits—labor, skill, and even capital, to the tune of a moderately estimated \$1 billion in dollars and deutschmarks which the newcomers brought with them, and at least double that amount brought in later through asset sales in a gradually maturing Russian marketplace.

However, as relatively subdued demand for real estate has been indicating for several months, the critical mass of this decade's remarkable immigration has already arrived, and made its initial imprint on local labor, retail, and durable-goods markets.

Evidently, the time has come to move on. Those deluding themselves that another large-scale wave of new arrivals is waiting around the corner should correct their business forecasts, and those who think that the initial success in absorbing the new immigrants was comprehensive should now contemplate its drawbacks.

The fact is that much of the housing, employment, and education provided to the new immigrants was financed through American guaranteed loans. Some in fact argue that the bulk of Israel's remarkable economic growth this decade was attributable to the loan guarantees, rather than to peace-process inspired foreign investment.

Though that far-reaching thesis has yet to be proven, one thing is clear: Economically speaking, the post-Soviet immigration is well past its peak, and the business community had better get used to this fact.

Co-Op to raise \$100m. on Wall St.

First non-high-tech local firm to make US offering

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CO-OP Blue Square Israel, the country's leading marketing chain, plans to raise \$100 million in an international offering of 18.7 percent of the company's shares.

The shares will be issued at the end of July or the first week of August on the New York Stock Exchange and the SEAQ in London. The US Securities and Exchange Commission is currently in the process of approving the retail chain's prospectus.

This is the first time that an Israeli company, which has no connection to the high-tech field, is attempting to raise \$100m. Most of the Israeli companies traded overseas are engaged in high-tech, which puts them at a relative advantage to other companies since US analysts tend to give technology firms high growth potential forecasts.

Co-Op is controlled by the Co-Op Blue Square Chain Consumer Cooperative Society which consists of about 400 members. The stock will be issued according to a

company valuation of \$400m.-\$450m. A company source said management's decision to issue the shares abroad is due to the fact that it was given a lower valuation on the TASE mainly because of the ongoing slump.

Ze'ev Holtzman, general manager of Giza, said the depression on the TASE, which is reflected in low turnover, significantly reduces firms' ability to raise capital here and also lowers analysts' valuations of companies.

"At current conditions, I don't believe anyone can raise \$80-\$100m. on the local market. Today, a company like Co-Op can receive a higher valuation in the blossoming US market, but it wasn't always like this. In 1993, for example, Co-Op would have received a higher valuation on the local market," he said.

Over the next few weeks, Co-Op's senior management intends to present the company to poten-

tial investors. General manager Jacob Gelbard is expected to emphasize the company's growth potential.

Co-Op is the owner of the Co-Op Blue Square retail chain, Hamashbir Lazarchan, 23.5% of the Home Center chain, and it holds the Marks & Spencer franchise. The company also controls Blue Square Property & Investments, a public company traded on the TASE.

The company has appointed Merrill Lynch as the leading underwriter for the issue. UBS, a Swiss bank, will manage the issue in Europe.

Co-Op completed 1995 with revenues of NIS 2.9m. on earnings of NIS 18.3m. The company reported a first quarter net profit of NIS 18.3m. on revenues of NIS 925m. Over the last five years the company's earnings have increased about 29% on average, reflecting an increase in stores and the purchase of Hamashbir Lazarchan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Terror adversely affects tourism: Tourism was adversely affected by the terrorist bombings earlier this year and by Operation Grapes of Wrath, according to figures published this week by the Central Bureau for Statistics. In April and May, the number of nights tourists spent in hotels was down by 4 percent to 5 percent, on the seasonal average.

Despite the drop in visitors in spring, the total number of nights spent in hotel accommodation in the first five months of 1996 showed a 7% increase on the corresponding period last year, according to the CBS. Of the 6.5 million nights, two-thirds were tourist nights. This total equates to an average 68% room occupancy throughout the period.

David Harris

Teva wants to buy European company: Teva is negotiating to purchase a generic drug company in Western Europe, said Dan Susskind, its chief financial officer. The European company had \$60 million in sales last year, said Susskind, who declined to name the company.

Bloomberg

Agnelli awarded Italy's Leonardo Prize: Italy's most powerful businessman, Gianni Agnelli, yesterday won the Leonardo Prize for best representing the country's image around the world. Agnelli, 75, was chairman of Fiat for 30 years, until he retired last February.

During three decades at Fiat, Agnelli steered the company through numerous crises and recoveries, most recently turning Fiat round from a 1.8 trillion lire (\$1.2 billion) loss in 1993 to a profit of around two trillion lire in 1995.

Reuter

French job subsidies costly and wasteful: France's jungle of employment subsidies is "complex, costly, and often inefficient," a parliamentary commission of inquiry reported yesterday. The panel found the government funded no less than 60 different job creation incentives last year, at a total cost of \$21 billion, forecast to increase by 16.5% to \$23.9 billion this year.

Despite the subsidies, unemployment in France rose to 12.4% in May, close to the all-time record of 12.5% reached in March 1994.

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EU to give \$70m. to PA for water improvements

DAVID HARRIS

THE European Investment Bank is to lend \$36 million to the Palestinian Authority to improve water and sewage systems in the territories.

In addition to the EIB financing, the European Commission is also expected to support the scheme with grants. The World Bank and other donors will also sponsor the program.

Total EU investments should total more than \$70m. The projects are expected to be completed by the year 2000. The EU says the projects will protect the scarce groundwater resources and improve water supply and quality.

The money will be given to the Palestinian Water Authority, the policy making and regulatory body for the water sector in the autonomous areas. The funds will be used to improve water distribution and drainage, all well as sewage collection and treatment.

The 20-year EIB loan will carry an interest subsidy of 3 percent, which will be met from the EU's budget.



Striking workers dance and shout slogans at South Africa's Rustenburg Platinum Mines yesterday. The strikers are demanding payment of death benefit scheme contributions. (Reuter)

Government to sell its share of Naphta

DAVID HARRIS

THE government has decided to sell its 44 percent interest in the oil exploration firm Naphta Israel Petroleum Corp. Ltd.

The sale will bring NIS 52m to the government's coffers. When the sale was first proposed four months ago, the company was valued at NIS 90m. Since then Naphta has held an average value of NIS 145m.

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Brokerage firms IBI and Hevra Mercazit, together with Yoel, headed three of the consortiums that applied to purchase the government's holding in the company.

In addition to the company's large natural gas reserves produced here and overseas, Naphta has worked with international companies on oil exploration projects in the Congo, Kazakhstan, and the US.

One of the company's assets and

a leading selling point is its relatively high cash holdings.

Naphta is the second energy company to be privatized and represents another step in the government's

efforts to privatize its companies.

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Chimp's market picks beat brokerage firm

WARSAW (Reuter) — A chimpanzee from the Krakow zoo earned a 10 percent return on a

three-month investment choosing stocks on the Warsaw bourse, beating a respectable local brokerage, the daily *Gazeta Wyborcza* reported on Wednesday.

At the start of the second quarter in April, the chimp, Karolina, chose five tangerines from more than 70 bearing the names of firms on the exchange's main market.

Karolina's portfolio beat the return on treasury bonds, a bank deposit, the dollar, and participation certificates in Poland's National Investment Fund (NFI) mass privatization program.

Karolina's choice also beat those of a *Wyborcza* reader, who earned 3.9%, and those of

Krakow-based Magnus brokerage, which earned 7.5%.

"Our defeat was caused by the democratic method through which six employees of our analysis department chose stocks, among other things," *Wyborcza* quoted Magnus's Pawel Hominski as saying.

But Karolina trailed five other analysts and brokerages, as well as the main market's WIG index, which rose by 19%.

She was stung by her choice of construction firm Espebepe, which fell 35.1% over the period, after drastically revising down its 1995 earnings report.

The paper promises more chimp stock picks after the summer.

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German politicians rap World Cup TV rights deal

BONN (Reuters) - German politicians and public broadcasters on yesterday criticized the award by the soccer governing body FIFA of a \$2.2 billion World Cup television rights deal to the Kirch Group and Swiss-based marketing agency ISL.

The deal grants Bavarian media mogul Leo Kirch broadcasting rights for the World Cup soccer competition in 2002 and 2006. It is expected to encourage the development of pay TV in Germany, where Kirch is setting up the first digital pay TV station called DF1.

It ends more than a quarter of a century of guaranteed access to public service broadcasters to the world's biggest single sporting event.

The decision and the deal's high price tag have upset German media regulators and public broadcasters.

They say the decision will mean that the rising costs of broadcasting rights for popular sports could force public TV out of the bidding in future.

Rhineland Palatinate Premier Kurt Beck, head of the states' broadcasting commission, told German radio that political action against the FIFA ruling would be discussed at a meeting of Germany's 16 state premiers on Friday.

Fritz Pleitgen, director of Germany's biggest regional public broadcaster Westdeutsche Rundfunk (WDR), complained about the rising costs of broadcasting rights for sports events.

Pleitgen praised efforts in Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium and Italy to establish a list of top sporting events that would not be allowed to be marketed exclusively.

He noted that the European Broadcasting Union, which groups European public broadcasters, paid just 340 million marks (\$223.4m.) for the rights to the previous three World Cup championships.

He said he planned to merge the two companies in the spring, creating a structure similar to that of rivals British Airways and Lufthansa, and to bring wages at Air France Europe, among the highest in the world, in line with those of parent Air France, which are lower.

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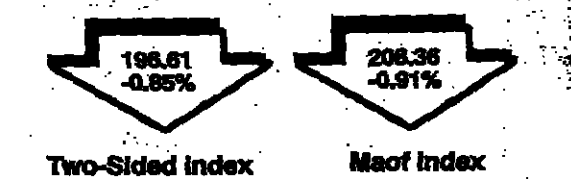
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Commercial			Afternoon		
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TASE down, awaits PM's visit to US

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THE market is expected to be influenced in the coming days by the outcome of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's visit to the US and meeting with President Bill Clinton on Monday.

Netanyahu's journey is "likely to give a positive impression and he will try to woo investors," said Dan Lubash, managing director of emerging European markets at Merrill Lynch in London.

"People want to see the peace process go forward and they want to see economic steps," Lubash said. "Foreign investors are worried about the fiscal budget; they want to see that the government is fiscally disciplined."

Yesterday's stocks fell for a second day as investors sought indications of the government's policy on continuing the peace process. The Maof Index fell 0.91 percent to 208.36 and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.85% to 196.81.

Of 987 shares traded across the exchange, about twice as many shares fell as rose. Some NIS 56.2 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 12.3m. below Wednesday's level and about NIS 20m. below last month's average trading level.

The indexes were little changed from the previous Thursday, with the Maof Index gaining 0.2% and the Two-Sided Index gaining 0.4%.

Shares rose on Tuesday after the government approved a NIS 4.9 billion 1997 budget reduction and then fell amid skepticism it would be able to implement the cuts.

Shares also fell as the Bank of Israel raised interest rates and the shekel strengthened against the dollar, said Lubash. "The shekel has got to get weaker," he said.

Eurobourses close higher on Yeltsin win

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - European financial markets closed stronger yesterday, giving a quiet but heartfelt welcome to news of Boris Yeltsin's presidential election victory in Russia and unchanged US interest rates.

The dollar closed little changed after a slight decline against the mark in the wake of Yeltsin's election win, traders said.

Trade was subdued for most of the session after protective hedging strategies established as insurance against a Russian election victory began to unwind after the Russian results.

This saw the mark regain some ground mainly on the Swiss franc and sterling. "Uncertainty over Yeltsin's health should ensure that the dollar does not reverse too far and 1.5180 marks should hold," said Barry Vanderlaan, senior trader at Ifexco in Geneva.

Forex dealers were quiet as US players were absent from the markets for the Independence Day holiday.

Dealers were also awaiting US jobs data on Friday. Strong US jobs growth in recent months has spooked financial markets looking for signs of economic stability rather than breakneck expansion.

London's FTSE 100 ended just above 3,760 in late surge, as September futures rise to 10-point premium over cash. Volume was muted with Wall Street closed.

French shares closed somewhat higher but shrugged off a small cut by the Bank of France in the intervention rate to 3.55 percent from 3.60%.

Shares spiked up immediately after the surprise reduction, which followed a meeting of the monetary policy council, but sagged a few minutes later to return to pre-cut levels.

L'Oréal gained on a Nestle stake sale rumor.

German shares ended a lackluster floor session just off record highs, but US Independence Day stifled the impetus needed to take the market to significant new highs.

The post-bourse electronic trading session recorded a 12.42 point rise.

Escom, one of Europe's largest personal computer retailers, was lower after resuming trade after being suspended on Wednesday when it filed for protection from its creditors.

MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFY	FFY	
MARK	2.27846	0.821014	72.4444	0.222407	3.278287
STERLING	0.511218	171.9507	1.254031	0.817258	
YEN	1.279409	0.681017	1.136978	4.880451	
SFY	121.3850	0.511218	87.3800	4.100345	
FFY	0.285861	0.126647	21.4244	0.243828	

Air France unveils merger plan, staff strikes

PARIS (Reuters) - State-owned Air France unveiled a long-anticipated plan yesterday to merge its international and regional carriers despite fierce opposition from unions which staged a disruptive one-day strike at Air France Europe.

The regional carrier Air France Europe canceled two-thirds of its 500 flights yesterday after unions called the second 24-hour strike in less than a week to protest against a merger which they fear will lead to wage cuts and job losses.

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and it is losing money at the operating level.

Air France reported an operating profit of 413 million French francs (\$80.32 million) in 1995/96 while Air France Europe reported an operating loss of 549m. francs. Company officials say Air France Europe loses almost 100m. francs a month.

Blanc said the only alternatives to a merger were to sell Air France Europe, whose costs are between 30 and 40 percent above those of its rivals, or turn it into a low-cost, no-frills business that would offer its employees "a sad future."

But the unions charge that Blanc bled the regional carrier to justify his latest proposal. "They gave us a few additional routes, all of them money-losing, and naturally the deficit grows deeper," said delegate Julie Corbeau of the CGC union.

A strike at Air France Europe last Friday led to the cancellation of all its flights for the day, grounding some 65,000 passengers.

Despite the worker opposition, conservative Prime Minister Alain Juppe gave his blessing on Wednesday night to a merger of Air France and Air France Europe.

Juppe, whose government is trying to push more state companies into the private sector and make French industry more competitive, said the merger was needed to cut costs to allow the airline to operate in a tougher competitive environment.

The plan also received the backing of the SNPL pilots' union, the second-biggest pilots' union in the group. It said a merger was "the only solution to allow the group to retain the domestic market while allowing the balanced development of all the units."

Labor unrest at Air France has forced managers to backtrack in the past.

Ground crew strikes in 1993 led to the departure of then-chairman Bernard Attali, while strikes at Air Inter, the predecessor of Air France Europe, led to the resignation of its chairman Michel Bernard in May 1995.

But government spokesman Alain Lemassoure indicated last Sunday that the government was ready to back Blanc all the way.

US, Japan press for chip pact

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - US and Japanese trade negotiators will be pressing over the next two weeks to resolve a simmering trade dispute over an expiring agreement on access to Japan's computer chip market.

Working-level negotiators are scheduled to meet next week in Tokyo to lay the groundwork for higher level talks in New Zealand when trade ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum gather.

A US official said Wednesday that negotiators could wrap up a deal by the July 14-16 meeting even though the two sides appear to be far apart on the issue.

"We are going to do our best to solve it," said one US official.

The US wants to renew a semiconductor trade agreement that is set to expire July 31. Washington has said it is willing to drop the market share targets set by the old agreement but wants the two governments to continue monitoring Japan's market, particularly as microchip prices fall.

"One of the reasons we want to have an agreement is we think the conditions in the market could deteriorate a lot, and we could be in a situation of a trade conflict quite quickly in the absence of an agreement," said the US official.

But Tokyo has resisted, pointing to reports that show a significant increase in foreign share of Japan's semiconductor market in recent years. The foreign share of Japan's chip market topped 30 percent during the first three months of this year, compared with half that amount in 1991, when the latest agreement was reached.

The European Union has been anxious not to be left out of a new pact on computer chip trade and is sending a senior EU official this week to Tokyo for a round of talks on Japan's proposal to create a new "Global Governmental Forum."

The forum has been proposed by Tokyo as an alternative to a bilateral pact with the US, but Washington has rejected the idea and wants a stronger bilateral deal with Japan first with

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"The struggle for liberty is still the most urgent priority of our time," Peres said in his acceptance speech.

The medal was awarded jointly to Jordan's King Hussein, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

"For us, the medal symbolizes liberty from war," Peres said, standing in front of Independence Hall, where the US Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 and the Constitution was adopted in 1787.

The medal and a \$100,000 cash prize honors "extraordinary people from anywhere in the world who demonstrate strong leadership and determined vision in the pursuit of liberty and peace," said Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell. It is administered by a private, non-profit corporation, We the People 2000, which established the medal in 1988 to heighten recognition of America's founding principles.

The first recipient was Lech Walesa of Poland. Previous recipients include Sadako Ogata, the UN high commissioner for refugees, Czech President Vaclav Havel, and Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk of South Africa.

Temple Mount Faithful blocked in prayer bid

Jerusalem police yesterday prevented a group of Temple Mount Faithful, headed by Gershon Salomon, from praying at the holy site. Carrying the national flag, the group headed from the Western Wall where they had observed the 17th of Tamuz fast, in the direction of the Mughrabi Gate.

Police blocked their ascent and said they could enter in pairs, but not as a group, since they had received permission to pray but not to demonstrate. Salomon, who addressed his followers at the site, attacked Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu who, he said, had promised during his election campaign that he would permit Jews to pray on the Temple Mount.

SHARON

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Sharon promising they "would meet in the middle of the road," while Levy promised "full cooperation and the best of working relationships."

The NRP approved the deal, but made it clear it expects to be rewarded for what it described as altruism, with the first turn at heading the Religious Affairs Ministry, which it agreed to share with Shas under a rotation agreement. Shas was unyielding in its demand to go first, as underscored last night at a session of its Council of Torah Sages, chaired by Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. Sources at the meeting said that Shas would not pressure Netanyahu for an answer until he returns from his US visit.

A gathering of Sharon loyalists at Kiryat Hamaachabim last night, which was to have protested Sharon's being left out of the government, turned into a victory celebration.

BRIGADE

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command car they had ambushed to open fire on the second.

"When we arrived at the ambush site," one of the soldiers in the second command car told the inquiry, "we saw the command car had a man wearing a helmet in it. We immediately realized the patrol had been attacked, and thought the figure in the car was a wounded soldier. Then the command car began firing on us."

Some of the severest findings related to the timing of events, which demonstrated a lack of control of the situation. At 7 a.m., an IDF position reported hearing firing to its south. This was when the patrol was attacked. But only 20 minutes later was it realized that there was no contact with the patrol.

It was not until 7:45 that the company commander decided to send a second patrol to see what had happened to the first, and this patrol did not arrive at the scene of the ambush until 8.

Only at 10:15 did the search for footprints begin, and only at 11:45 was it determined where the terrorists had crossed the border from and back to Jordan. It was not until 3 that there was a rendezvous with Jordanian forces at the river to conduct a joint search.

Records, centuries for Ganguly, Tendulkar

NOTTINGHAM (AP) — Sourav Ganguly followed up his debut century at Lord's with another at Trent Bridge yesterday as a record-breaking partnership with Sachin Tendulkar put India in command of the third Test against England.

Ganguly's unbeaten 136 and Tendulkar's 123 net out pulled India round to 287 for two by stumps from 33 for two early in the day. Their unbroken 254-run partnership was the highest of the three-Test series and the highest ever by Indians in England.

Ganguly's century was his second in a row in Tests. In the drawn game at Lord's, he became the 61st player and the 10th Indian to score a century on his debut. He was also the third person and the first Indian to make his debut century at Lord's.

Ganguly's 136 added his name to a select group of five who have scored successive centuries in their first two Tests. He joins his captain Mohammed Azharuddin, West Indian Alvin Kallicharran, and Australians Bill Ponsford, Doug Walters and Greg Blewett.

Azharuddin is the only man to have scored three centuries in his first three Tests, and Ganguly will have to wait until India's tour of Australia at the end of the year to try to equal his captain's record.

Tendulkar's century was his second of the series — he scored 122 in the first Test won by England — and his 10th in 41 Tests.

Right-handed Tendulkar joined the 23-year-old left-hander when India was in trouble at 33 for two in the first session.

Openers Vikram Rathore (4) and Nayan Mongia (9) had been caught behind by wicketkeeper Jack Russell off the bowling of Dominic Cork and Chris Lewis within nine overs.

Tendulkar was granted a life before he had even scored. He cut a Lewis delivery in the air to England captain Mike Atherton, but the chance was spilled.

He hesitantly pushed India's score to 71 at lunch. But, after the break, neither he nor Ganguly even looked like getting out as they masterfully displayed their wide array of scoring shots.

Tendulkar was strongest playing forward of the wicket, striking boundaries through the covers or through mid-wicket.

He brought up his hundred by maneuvering a full Min Patel delivery square of mid-wicket for two, then finished the over by lifting the spinner over deep mid-on for his 16th boundary.

As in the Lord's Test, Ganguly's timing, footwork and balance



FAST START — Dominic Cork celebrates taking opener Vikram Rathore's wicket for 4. (Reuters)

were immaculate. Whether the ball was short, full or on a good length, he was always in position to effortlessly time and place his shots perfectly.

Reaching his century with 14 fours, Ganguly also powered front-foot drives through the covers, and his two sixes came after he danced down to his ball from left-arm spinner Min Patel over the long-off boundary for six.

He brought up his century just three overs after his colleague with a pull to the boundary off

England's Test debutant Mark Ealham.

Ealham's gentle swingers may have brought him 23 first-class wickets at this season, but they did little to worry the Indian maestros.

Atherton used seven bowlers and the new ball to try to break the partnership, but the rock-solid concentration of the Indians, and the windy conditions did nothing to help his cause.

Azharuddin, Sanjay Manjrekar and Rahul Dravid are still to bat.

India first innings

V. Prasad	4
N. Mongia	9
S. Tendulkar	123
S. Ganguly	136
M. Atherton	123
Extras (b-4 lb-2 w-2 nb-7)	15
Total (for two wickets)	287
Fall of wickets: 1-7 2-33	

To bat: M. Azharuddin, R. Dravid, S. Manjrekar, A. Kumble, J. Srinath.

V. Prasad, V. Raju

Bowling (no date): Lewis 20-4-52-1, Cork 17-4-70-1, Mulla 20-4-46-0, Ealham 12-4-35-0, Patel 16-1-67-0, Hick 4-1-8-0, Thorpe 10-3-0-0

England — M. Atherton, A. Stewart, N. Hussain, G. Thorpe, G. Hick, C. Lewis, J. Russell, M. Ealham, D. Cork, M. Patel, A. Mulla

Sampras upset in bid for 4th-straight crown

Ivanisevic stopped by Stoltenberg; only one seed in men's semifinals

WIMBLEDON (AP) — Pete Sampras' three-year reign as Wimbledon champion ended yesterday.

Sampras could not overcome a two-set deficit against Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, losing 7-5, 7-6(7-3), 6-4 in a Centre Court quarter-final match that was suspended Wednesday night at 1-1 in the third set.

"I've won a lot of close matches on this court — and it's tough to swallow," said Sampras, who had won 25 straight matches at Wimbledon over the past four years.

In women's play, fourth-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario reached her second consecutive Wimbledon final by beating unseeded American Meredith McGrath 6-2, 6-1 in one hour.

McGrath was hobbled by an injury to her heavily-strapped right leg, and twice received treatment from a trainer during the second set.

Sanchez Vicario will meet the winner of the other women's semifinal between defending champion Steffi Graf and Kimiko Date of Japan.

Krajicek, who was never broken, served six aces to bring his total to 29 for the match. He lost only two points in his four service games today.

Sampras struggled throughout on his serve, with eight aces offset by eight double faults.

Krajicek broke in the seventh game of the third set. He reached break point with a mis-hit forehand that clipped the netcord, keeping it from sailing out. The ball landed just inside the line for a winner. That gave him the only break point of the day, which he quickly converted with a backhand pass down the line.

Krajicek served out the match at love, hitting an ace to go up 40-0.



SPOILER — Richard Krajicek gets down low to return a Pete Sampras serve. (Reuters)

following with a 122 mph service winner that Sampras barely touched with the frame of his racket.

Krajicek will next face another unseeded player, Jason Stoltenberg, who beat No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic 6-3, 7-6(7-3), 6-7 (7-3), 7-6 (7-3) in the completion of a match that had been suspended after three sets Wednesday.

Stoltenberg, the first Australian semifinalist since Pat Cash in 1987, got a lucky break in the fourth-set tiebreaker when he hit a reflex backhand volley that dropped over the net for a winner. That gave him a 2-0 lead and he

moved out to 6-0. Ivanisevic saved three match points before Stoltenberg closed it out with a winning serve.

Todd Martin and MaliVai Washington overcame numerous rain delays to set up an all-American semifinal.

Martin, the 13th seed, won two tiebreakers and capitalized on the only service break of the match in the third set to beat Britain's Tim Henman 7-6(7-5), 7-6(7-2), 6-4.

Including four rain delays, the match lasted 6 hours, 35 minutes. The actual playing time was 2:19. Washington, who endured five rain interruptions and saved two

match points at 5-6 in the fourth set, overcame Alexander Radulescu 6-7(7-5), 7-6(7-1), 5-7, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. It's the first time Washington has advanced to a Grand Slam semifinal.

Sampras was trying to close in on Bjorn Borg's Open era record of five consecutive Wimbledon titles. His defeat ensures there will be a first-time Wimbledon champion this year, and that for the first time in the Open era only one seeded man will be in the semis.

"My dream always was to win here once," Sampras said. "I never expected to win here three years in a row. It just happened. I can't be ashamed today. I just have to get over it and bounce back."

Sampras said he failed to convert at key moments the way he has in the past.

Martin's big-match experience paid off as he won the key points against the 21-year-old Henman, who was bidding to become the first British player to make the semifinals since Roger Taylor in 1973.

Martin, a classic serve-and-volleyer who also reached the semis here in 1994, maintained his rhythm and concentration through all the rain interruptions.

"It's a difficult situation to be in," Martin said. "I don't ever remember being in a similar one. I felt like the timing of the rain delays didn't affect the flow of the match. The last one was the toughest to deal with and the most critical."

Martin was up 5-3 in the third set when play was stopped for a fourth time. After a break of 1:43, Henman held serve to make it 5-4 but Martin served out the match at love in the next game.

After a virtually dry first week, this has turned into the wettest Wimbledon since 1991. That was one of the rainiest championships ever, forcing officials to break with tradition and schedule five matches on the middle Sunday.

Germans thank hospitable English

LONDON (Reuters) — Germany's soccer team which won the Euro 96 championship in London last weekend took out a full-page advertisement in Thursday's Times newspaper to thank England for its hospitality.

Brushing off an outburst of jingoism in the British tabloid press in the days before Germany's semifinal match with England, the German Football Association published a photograph of their team holding the Euro 96 cup.

Above it were the words: "Many thanks for the great hospitality in England, for the fair play shown by the English public, for the smooth organization of Euro 96."

The advertisement, placed by the delegation and national team of the German Football Association, added: "Football Came Home and England Felt Like Home."

Wolfgang Niersbach, chief press officer for the association, told the Times that the German

team had been received with warmth and hospitality by everyone they encountered during their stay in England, including the fans.

He dismissed the anti-German newspaper coverage as "laughable and ridiculous." "Maybe people in Germany thought there was a bad atmosphere, but there wasn't at all," said Niersbach.

The Times said the advertisement cost nearly £20,000.

Rookie hits for cycle in Mets' win over Phillies; Belle blasts 27th

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Alex Ochoa became the first rookie to hit for the cycle since 1991, going 5-for-5 and hitting a go-ahead homer in the eighth inning Wednesday night that led the New York Mets past Philadelphia 10-6.

Ochoa, playing only his 22nd game in the majors, drove in three runs and scored three times.

He singled in the second inning, tripled in the fourth and hit doubles in the sixth and ninth. He became the first rookie to reach the cycle since St. Louis' Ray Lankford, and became the sixth Mets player to do it, the first since Kevin McReynolds in August 1989.

Ochoa's cycle was the first against the Phillies since Cincinnati's Gus Bell did it June 4, 1951.

Ochoa's solo homer, his second, put the Mets ahead 7-6 in the eighth against Ken Ryan (2-3).

Burch Huskey homered, tripled and singled for the Mets, who had 16 hits. Paul Byrd (1-1) was the winner and Doug Henry pitched two innings for his sixth save.

Braves 3, Expos 1
Chipper Jones hit his second homer of the game, a two-run shot in the top of the eighth inning that led Tom Glavine to his ninth win.

Glavine (9-5) pitched eight innings and allowed only two hits, both of them in the first inning. He struck out eight, and retired 20 of his final 23 batters. Glavine is 7-0 in eight starts against Montreal since 1992.

Mark Wohlers gave up one hit in getting his 18th save. The Braves won twice in the three-game series, and took a four-game lead over Montreal in the NL East.

Mark Lemke singled with two outs in the Atlanta eighth against Tim Lincecum (2-3) and Jones followed with his 17th home run.

Braves 3, Cubs 2
Denny Neagle, miffed at not making the NL All-Star team, pitched six-hit ball for eight innings and Al Martin and Jeff King hit consecutive homers, leading Pittsburgh to a home win.

Neagle, chosen for the All-Star game last year with the same 9-4 record he has now, gave up a first-inning run before limiting the Cubs to three hits in the next seven innings.

Astros 4, Marlins 3
Doug Drabek took a shutout into the ninth and James Mouton had three hits as host Houston extended its winning streak to a season-high five.

Drabek (4-6) allowed seven hits, struck out nine and walked two in beating Florida for the first time in three career decisions.

Padres 3, Dodgers 2
Joey Hamilton won his 10th game and Marc Newfield singled home the go-ahead run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Hamilton (10-4), who began the game tied for second in the NL in victories, allowed two runs on seven hits in seven innings. Trevor Hoffman pitched two innings for his 17th save.

With the score tied at 2, Rickey Henderson led off the seventh by drawing his third walk from Ramon Martinez (6-3). Henderson stole second and took third on a groundout.

Newfield, hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the third, followed with a chopper that bounced off the mound. Second baseman Delino DeShields charged in, but his off-balance throw was too late to catch Newfield.

Rockies 3, Giants 2
Ellis Burks won the game with a two-run homer in the top of the ninth inning off reliever Rod Beck.

With the Rockies trailing 2-1, John Vander Wal singled with one out in the ninth, and Burks hit his 22nd homer, over the right-field wall. It was the fourth blown save of the season, and the third in his last four chances, for Beck (0-5).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Indians 6, Royals 4
Albert Belle hit his 27th homer and Julian Tavarez got his first victory as a starter this season as Cleveland won at home.

Jim Thome and Sandy Alomar had two-run doubles in

Cleveland's five-run rally in the fifth. The Royals, whose pitching staff has given up the fewest walks in the American League, issued eight, including a season-high six by Kevin Appier (7-8).

Greg Swindell took over for Tavarez in the sixth and pitched three hitless innings. Paul Shuey got the last three outs for his second save.

Appier walked the bases loaded with one out in the fifth and Kansas City leading 4-1. Thome then ripped a double off the left-field wall against reliever Mike Magnante to make it 4-3.

Eddie Murray and Manny Ramirez both walked to force in the tying run before Alomar greeted Julio Valera with another double for a 6-4 lead.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 2
Ed Sprague hit a grand slam in the fifth inning and Juan Guzman improved his AL-leading earned run average by allowing one run in seven innings, leading Toronto to a home win.

Sprague pulled Rick Krivda's 2-0 pitch over the wall in left with two outs in the fifth, giving the Blue Jays a 5-1 lead. He now has three career grand slams and 23 homers this season.

Twins 6, White Sox 5
Brad Radke, a loser in 10 of his previous 11 decisions, snapped a five-game losing streak and Rich Becker went 4-for-5 in Minnesota's road victory.

Radke (5-10) allowed three runs on seven hits and two walks in seven-plus innings. Dave Stevens pitched the final 1 1/2 innings for his 11th save.

The Twins led 5-0 after five innings against White Sox starter Luis Andujar (0-1), who was recalled from Triple-A Nashville on Tuesday. Andujar gave up five runs and 10 hits in 5 1/2 innings.

Tigers 8, Brewers 5
Curtis Pride had three hits, including an RBI triple in a four-run second inning as host Detroit ended a five-game losing streak.

Cecil Fielder had his second career stolen base for the Tigers, who finally beat the Brewers after being limited to just one run in

Heulot still in yellow, Blijlevens takes 5th stage

BESANCON (AP) — Dutch rider Jeroen Blijlevens won yesterday's fifth stage while French rider Stephane Heulot retained the overall lead of the Tour de France.

Blijlevens powered ahead in the final sprint ahead of second place French Moncassin of France and Germany's Erik Zabel in the fifth stage from Lac de Madine to Besancon, 242 kilometers (150 miles). Blijlevens finished second in two other Tour stages this week.

Miguel Indurain finished with the main group of riders and is 11th overall at 4 minutes 17 seconds back.

Midway through the stage Armstrong Lance Armstrong went down in a minor spill. He was not seriously injured and finished the stage with the main group.

The 21-stage, 3,900km (2,418m) Tour continues today with the Tour's first climbing stage, 207km (128m) from Arc-et-Senans to Aix Les Bains. Indurain is looking to win his sixth Tour de France, a record.

Tyson has bronchitis, title bout with Seldon postponed

LAS VEGAS (Reuters) — The heavyweight title fight between Buster Mathis, Jr. last November but the bout was pushed back to December after Mike Tyson and World Boxing Association title holder Bruce Seldon was postponed at least two months on Wednesday because Tyson is suffering from bronchitis.

The July 13 bout would have been Tyson's fourth fight since his release from prison in March of 1995 after serving three years on a rape conviction.

His second comeback fight was

also postponed. Tyson was set to take on Buster Mathis, Jr. last November but the bout was pushed back to December after Mike Tyson and World Boxing Association title holder Bruce Seldon was postponed at least two months on Wednesday because Tyson is suffering from bronchitis.

The 30-year-old Tyson has a record of 44-1. The former undisputed heavyweight champion recaptured the WBC portion of the crown in March when he stopped Briton Frank Bruno in the third round.

But only Seldon's WBA title will be on the line when they meet

after a judge ordered that the next WBC title fight must include Briton Lennox Lewis.

Lewis reportedly accepted \$4 million in "step-aside money" to allow the Tyson-Seldon bout to go on.

The 29-year-old Seldon has a record of 33-3. He won the WBA crown 15 months ago by stopping fellow American Tony Tucker in the seventh round for vacant title.

Seldon made one successful title defence last August, stopping Joe Hipp in the 10th round.

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THE JERUSALEM POST

High Court allows Meretz Shabbat demo on Bar-Ilan St.

EVELYN GORDON and BILL HUTMAN

HAREDI activists are threatening an "intifada" tomorrow, following the High Court of Justice's decision yesterday to permit Meretz to demonstrate this Shabbat on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan.

Meretz had planned a march of some 300 people to protest the possibility that the city would close the street on Shabbat to accommodate religious demands. However, the police refused to issue a permit, charging that such a demonstration would provoke a riot. Meretz then petitioned the court.

During the hearing, the police proposed two compromises — either holding the march on Friday, or holding a demonstration at the Sanhedria intersection rather than a march — but Meretz rejected both ideas.

Justices Theodor Orr, Dalia Dorn, and Ya'acov Terkel then ruled that the police must permit the march. The reasons for their decision are to be given later.

The haredi community responded angrily to the decision. Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism), interviewed on Arutz 7 radio, said it was unconscionable that the same court which forbids Jews to pray on the Temple Mount because this might provoke the Arabs would permit Meretz to demonstrate in a haredi neighborhood on Shabbat, when this will clearly provoke the residents.

"There are people who are planning an intifada here," said Dudi Zilbershlag, a spokesman for the haredi action committee, though he added that haredi leaders are also trying to persuade people to avoid the site on Shabbat, to prevent a confrontation.

Tim reported that posters have already gone up in the neighborhoods bordering Bar-Ilan calling for a "massive presence to stop the desecration of Shabbat."

"Transport Minister [Yitzhak Levy] would do well to close the street an hour before [the march], before any blood is shed," said haredi activist Yehuda Meshi-Zahav, according to Tim. "We will not permit the desecration of Shabbat in our neighborhood... The High Court, which is supposed to defend civil rights, forgot the rights of the haredi citizens in letting a certain group come and injure our sensibilities."

Oman Yekutieli, who heads the

Meretz faction on the Jerusalem city council, responded by praising the court's decision to uphold freedom of expression and the right to demonstrate.

"These are values which require effort to defend," he said. "We are not looking for a provocation. The struggle is not against the haredim, but against those who might potentially give in [to haredi pressure] — Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu."

In response to police requests, however, Meretz agreed to reduce the number of marchers to 100, to advance the time of the march from 5:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and to march only half the length of the street.

Haredi leaders yesterday filed for a permit to hold a massive counter-demonstration with the police. As of last night, police were still considering whether to issue the permit.

Police sources said thousands of haredi protesters are likely to come to the street even if they don't receive permission to hold the counter demonstration.

Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit has made preparations to bring hundreds of policemen to Rehov Bar-Ilan on Shabbat to contain the expected unrest. "We are expecting the worst," said one senior police officer.

Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, meanwhile, begged the haredi community not to hold any counterdemonstrations, "since the result would be increased desecration of the Sabbath by thousands of policemen who would have to leave their homes."

"Furthermore, this would deepen the hatred and the rift in the nation, and create the possibility of real bloodshed," he said. "The Jerusalem Municipality has already appointed a committee to deal with the matter, and this month a new transport minister took office. We should leave the solution of this problem in their hands."

"Today is the 17th of Tammuz, which is the start of the three weeks of mourning for the destruction of the Temple," he concluded. "We know from our sages that both the Temple and Jerusalem were destroyed only because of causeless hatred. Therefore, we must make a great effort to avoid all the negative phenomena which such a demonstration would entail."

Health Ministry panel to check report of illegal organ sales

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry committee appointed to investigate a report that a number of hospitals are dealing illegally in organs for transplant is to present its findings by September 1.

The committee, named by Ministry Director-General Meir Orr at the request of Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, will comprise four professionals. They are Hadassah-University Hospital Prof. Shamai Kotev, who is chairman of the ministry's national council for surgery, anesthesiology and intensive care; Prof. Arye Bass, head of the vascular surgery department at Assaf Harofeh Hospital; Prof. Uri Beter, a senior nephrologist at the Haifa Technion's School of Medicine; and Dr. Mira Heubner-Harel of the ministry's legal department.

According to a story in *Ma'ariv* this week, donors — mostly

impoverished Palestinians — have been selling one of their kidneys to well-to-do Israelis or foreigners. The paper claimed this illicit activity is going on at the Rabin Medical Center-Bellinson Campus, the private Herzliya Medical Center, and Assuta Hospital. Kupat Holim Clalit, which owns Bellinson, set up its own investigative committee this week.

At present, living people may donate organs only to a close relative.

The ministry committee was asked to determine the facts and their legal and ethical implications; examine the procedures for accepting kidneys from live donors, the legal means for preventing sale of organs; and what disciplinary and legal measures should be taken to prevent illegal activity.

Second ex-private eye convicted of soliciting murder

RAINE MARCUS

FORMER private detective Amir Ben-Asher was convicted yesterday by the Tel Aviv District Court of soliciting a murder and conspiracy to murder three Russian gangsters here.

His accomplice, Ya'acov Bak, pleaded guilty and has already been sentenced.

Ben-Asher had maintained his innocence. He will be sentenced next week.

The two were arrested in April 1995 after a potential hit man changed his mind and told police Bak and Ben-Asher had commissioned him to murder the three men. The man was told by police to tape all subsequent meetings with Bak and Ben-Asher. When suffi-

cient evidence was gathered, police arrested the pair, who had also been implicated in the media wiretapping affair.

Since then, Bak has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for conspiracy to murder and another 12-month term for carrying out wiretapping on behalf of former *Yedioth Aharanot* editor Moshe Vardi and news editor Ruth Ben-Ari.

During the trial, Ben-Asher said he had been threatened by the "Russian mafia."

Police believe that Bak and Ben-Asher were asked to arrange the murders by a former Israeli police officer who fled to Russia several years ago, who made the request on behalf of a senior mafia member.

One killed, six injured on roads

A man was killed and six persons were injured, two seriously, in road accidents yesterday.

The death occurred in a head-on collision between a van and a car near Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday evening. One person was seriously injured, and taken to Assaf Harofeh Hospital.

Five people were hurt, one seriously, in a head-on collision between two cars on the Jerusalem-Ben Shimon road in the afternoon. They were also taken to Assaf Harofeh. Police are investigating both accidents. (Itim)



Sasson Mizrahi, accused of stabbing his ex-girlfriend's sister to death, is taken back to his cell yesterday following a remand hearing in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. (Beim Handl)

Suspect remanded in stabbing murder of ex-girlfriend's sister

SASSON Mizrahi, 28, who is accused of stabbing his former girlfriend's sister to death on Tuesday, was remanded for one day yesterday by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, to give him a chance to hire a lawyer.

Another remand hearing is scheduled for today. The prosecution is asking that Sasson be held until the end of legal proceedings, and be sent for psychiatric observation.

Mizrahi is accused of stabbing to death Hanna Jacobov, 26, as she attempted to prevent him from killing her sister, Sonya, 28, as the two were returning from work to their home in the Neveh Ya'acov section of Jerusalem. Sonya, who had recently rejected a marriage proposal from Mizrahi, suffered a light stab wound in the hand. Mizrahi told police he had bought a kitchen knife and wait-

ed for them near their home. Following the stabbings, Mizrahi flagged down a passing car and asked to be taken to the local police station, where he turned himself in.

Mizrahi told the judge he would be willing to undergo psychiatric evaluation, saying that since he was arrested, he has not been able to rest and wanted pills to help him sleep. (Itim)

Justice Zamir: Democracy here is weaker than elsewhere

EVELYN GORDON

ISRAELI democracy is weaker than that of other Western countries, Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Zamir said in an interview in *The Israel Bar Association Journal* published yesterday.

"There is no doubt that democracy in Israel is weaker than in other Western countries," he said. "This is first of all due to the fact that our democracy is very young... and it is also built on an under-democratic foundation. Not only were the [British] mandatory and Ottoman regimes hostile to the Zionist movement, so that people were not educated to respect the rule of law, but the tradition we brought to Israel from the Diaspora was also not from the democratic school."

In addition, he said, Israel still does not have all the tools necessary to preserve democracy, such as a constitution and an institutional system of checks and balances.

One challenge to Israeli democracy, Zamir told interviewer Gidon Allon of *Ha'aretz*, is ideologically motivated crime.

From the point of view of morality, he noted, the ordinary criminal

is at "the bottom of the ladder," while ideological criminals "are generally people who live by all the accepted societal norms, [and] who generally have a high system of values. But they have goals, which seem to them to be more important than the rule of law... ideological crime challenges the basis of the democratic regime... [by] undermining the principle that laws must be obeyed."

However, he warned, it is equally dangerous to suppress ideological crime by prosecuting anyone who says something offensive.

"With all the shock caused by the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, we should not, on account of such a terrible event, damage the democratic character of our society or the fundamental rights of its citizens — especially when there is no clear proof connecting the murder with the critical remarks [heard against Rabin]," he said. "It is very dangerous to be swept away by the anger that such a murder generates into changing... values and rights which we want to exist, and which we have toiled many

years to establish." Regarding the conflict between civil rights and security needs, Zamir said the High Court tries to find an appropriate balance.

"But if there is a clear conflict between the rights of an individual and a vital public interest, the public's rights take precedence," he said. "This is the approach not just in Israel, but also in the most enlightened judicial systems in the world."

Zamir, a former attorney-general who was forced to resign because he wanted to indict senior General Security Service personnel who killed a captured terrorist and then lied about it, reiterated his belief that the law must not wink at the sins of senior public officials.

"If we begin to turn a blind eye to [the crimes of] powerful and important people, it will become impossible to enforce the law against the ordinary citizen," he said. "The law stands or falls on the principle of equality before the law."

Zamir also upheld the court's right to occasionally intervene in

Knesset affairs. Just as the court can intervene in Knesset affairs, he noted, the Knesset can overturn any court decision it does not like by passing legislation.

Zamir also supported having the current Supreme Court serve as a constitutional court, noting that the only serious alternative which has been proposed is a constitutional court which more accurately reflects the make-up of the population.

"But the meaning of this is to set up a court that looks like the Knesset," he said. "The public would not respect and trust the Supreme Court if a certain candidate were made a justice only because he represented the interest of a certain sector."

WEATHER

Forecast: Cooler temperatures.
Shabbat: Further drop in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Amman	14	17	clear
Bahia	21	17	clear
Bombay	27	17	clear
Buenos Aires	17	17	clear
Cairo	27	17	clear
Calcutta	27	17	clear
Chennai	27	17	clear
Colombo	27	17	clear
Dhaka	27	17	clear
Hong Kong	27	17	clear
London	17	17	clear
Los Angeles	27	17	clear
Manila	27	17	clear
Medan	27	17	clear
Mumbai	27	17	clear
New York	17	17	clear
Paris	17	17	clear
Rangoon	27	17	clear
Singapore	27	17	clear
Taipei	27	17	clear
Tel Aviv	27	17	clear
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